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"MIZPAH."

"THE LORD WATCH BETWEEN ME AND THEE WHEN WE ARE ABSENT ONE FROM ANOTHER."
GEN. 31:49.

I kissed your lips and held your hands,
And said "farewell," and went away,
Well knowing that another day
Would speed you on to other lands.
And down the summer-scented street
I heard your echoing voice repeat
The Hebrew motto, quaint and sweet,
"Mizpah."

A thousand miles between us lay
When autumn passed, in lingering flight,
And drenched with fragrant dew at night,
The woodland fires he lit by day;
But all the golden distance through,
From yon to me and me to you,
Went out the tender prayer and true—
"Mizpah."

The winter night falls cold and bleak;
I sit, in saddened mood, alone,
And listen to the wind's low moan,
And hide a fear I dare not speak;
For you are far, so far away,
And younger lips have turned to clay;
Dear love! I tremble while I pray,
"Mizpah."

But spring shall blossom up the plain,

And Easter lilies scent the air,
And song birds riot everywhere,
And heart and hope grow glad again;
Yet still my nightly prayer shall be,
Though swallows build or swallows flee,
Until my love comes back to me,
"Mizpah."

And when, with flowers of June, you come,
And face to face again we stand.
And heart to heart, and hand to hand,
O love! within the one dear home,
We shall not need to say again,
In winter's snow or summer's rain,
Till death shall come to part us twain,
"Mizpah."

OUR NEW MISSIONARIES.

THE REV. GEO. A. SOWASH was born at Claridge, Pa., near Pittsburgh. His father was Mr. John Sowash, and his mother Mrs. Sarah Conner Rose Sowash. She died in 1882. Mr. Sowash was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. A. R. Rankin, at Beulah, Pa. He graduated at Westminister College in 1893, and in the Allegheny Seminary in 1896. His appointment to the foreign mission field was made by the Board of Foreign Missions and by the General Assembly in the spring of the same year. He was licensed and ordained to the ministry by the Presbytery of Westmoreland, and sailed with others for the mission in Egypt on the 26th of September, 1896.

MRS. ELIZABETH JANE SOWASH was born in Ligonier Valley, Pa. Her maiden name was Graham. She was educated in the common and select schools of the valley, and attended Westmoreland for one year. She made a profession at West Fairfield, Pa., when about 14 years of age. For a time she taught a common school. On the 11th of June, 1896, she was united in marriage with the Rev. Geo. A. Sowash, and having been appointed to the mission in Egypt by the Board of Foreign Missions, sailed with her husband for that field Sept. 26, 1896.

THE REV. W. H. REED was born at Burgettstown, Pa. His father was Mr. David Reed and his mother Martha (Borland) Reed. He was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. John Hood, and the Rev. D. W. Carson, D. D. He was educated in the common schools of Burgettstown and neighborhood, at the Ingleside Academy, McDonald, Pa., and at Westminster College, from which he received a diploma in 1893. He graduated at the Allegheny Seminary in 1896, was licensed by the Presbytery of Frankfort in 1895, and ordained by the same in 1896. He was appointed by the Board and the Assembly to Egypt in the spring of the same year. On the 1st of Sept. he was united in marriage with Miss Martha Elizabeth Grove, daughter of the Rev. J. L. Grove of McConnellsburg, Pa., and

sailed for the mission in Egypt on the 26th of the same month.

MRS. MARTHA ELIZABETH (GROVE) REED was born at Worthington, Armstrong Co, Pa. Her father is the Rev. J. L. Grove, and mother Mrs. Margaret Rebecca (Wilson) Grove. She was brought up under her father's ministry, educated at home, at the Academy at Worthington, and at McConnellsburg, Pa., and graduated at Westminster College in 1895. For one year she taught school privately at home. She was appointed to the foreigu mission in Egypt in 1896; was united in marriage with the Rev. W. H. Reed on the 1st of Sept., and on the 26th set out for Egypt with her husband and a party of eight others.

THE REV. OSBORNE CROWE is a native of Nova Scotia, where he was born at Onslow. His father was Mr. James Crowe and his mother Mrs. Rebecca (Bornhill) Crowe. He received his education in the common schools in Nova Scotia, and by private study in the city of Boston. He worked for a number of years at the carpenter trade, but feeling that his call was to the ministry, he entered the seminary at Allegheny, from which he graduated in the spring of 1896. He was licensed by the Presbytery of Boston in 1895, and ordained by the same in 1896. Appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions, and by the General Assembly, in the spring of 1896 to the Mission in India, he accepted the appointment. After visiting most of the congregations in this Presbytery, and being married to Miss Sarah Jane Burns, he sailed for India with his wife and others on the 26th of Sept.

MRS. SARAH (BURNS) CROWE was born in Londonderry, Ireland; was educated in the common school and in the Model school in that city. She came to this country, lived for a time in Boston, and then in Sommerville, Mass. She was always interested in the foreign mission work, to which she was appointed by the Board in the summer of 1896. On the 17th of Sept. she was united in marriage with the Rev. Osborne Crowe, and with him sailed for India on the 26th, "glad that she was going to the foreign field."

MISS CORA BANK DICKEY was born at Cowansville, Armstrong Co., Pa. Her father is Jas. H. Dickey and her mother Margaret (Barr) Dickey, a sister of the Rev. W. W. Barr, D. D. Cora was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. J. L. Grove. She was educated in the common school, the academy at Middlesex, and that at Worthington, Pa. She was for a time in a store in Kittanning, and subsequently for a number of years in Campbell & Dick's large establishment in Pittsburgh. In that city she became an active member of the 6th Church, under the pastoral care of Dr. R. M. Russell. For sometime she had the foreign mission work in mind, but probably her final decision to go forth to it was made at the Young People's convention at Columbus, O., in 1895. She was appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to Egypt on the 29th of June 1896, and sailed with the mission party that left New York on Sept. 26th. Miss Dickey's support is provided for by her church in Pittsburgh.

MISS KATE A. HILL was born at Newton, Iowa. Her father is Mr. Robt. M. Hill, and her mother Mrs. Annie (Alexander) Hill. She was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. J. A. McCalmont. She attended the common school in the country, then the High School in Newton, and completed a Normal course in Amity College, Iowa. She was long interested in missions, but had her attention specially turned to the foreign field by Miss Emma D. Anderson, when she lectured on India in College Springs. She was appointed by the Board

to the mission in India on the 29th of June, and sailed for that field on Sept. 26th. After her appointment Miss Hill took a special course of training for her work in the Moody School, Chicago.

Miss Emma Josephine Martin was born at Sialkot, India. Her father is the Rev. Dr. Sam'l Martin, of our India mission. Her mother was Mrs. Lydia (Mossman) Martin, who died in India, Dec. 3rd, 1886. Josephine received her early education chiefly from her mother. She came to this country when 8 years of age, and was educated in Muskingum College, from which she graduated in 1888 in the scientific course and in music. She subsequently took a special course in oratory in Kings School, Pittsburgh, Pa. She was a missionary volunteer in 1887. In the early part of 1896 she offered herself to the Women's Board for India. Subsequently she was appointed by the Foreign Board and the Assembly. She sailed for her field on the 26th of Sept. Her father and sister are in the mission. She has left three sisters and two brothers in this country.

Miss Anna Boggs Watson, M. D., was born at Uniontown, Belmont Co., O. Her father is Mr. Wm. H. Watson and her mother Mrs. Sarah (Boggs) Watson. She was brought up under the ministry of the Rev. R. G. Campbell. She was educated in the public school, and in Franklin College. Later she attended the Women's Medical College in Philadelphia, from which she received a diploma in 1894. She was resident physician in the West Philadelphia hospital for one year, and practiced medicine for one summer in Ohio. She entered upon the study of medicine with the foreign mission work specially in view. She did post-graduate work in Johns Hopkins College, Baltimore, Md., with reference to her practice in the foreign field. Her services were offered to the Women's Board for the medical work in Egypt, and she was formally appointed by the Foreign Board to that field on the 14th of Sept. She sailed for that mission on Oct. 31st, from Philadelphia.

Miss Caroline Carle Lawrence was born in Argyle, N. Y. Her father is the Rev. Thomas Lawrence, formerly of the United Presbyterian, but later of the Presbyterian church, and President of Biddle University, Charlotte, N. C. Her mother was Mrs. Sarah (Carle) Lawrence. She was educated in the common school, then by a tutor and her father, and later in the Western Seminary, Oxford, O., for which she was prepared in the academy at Argyle. She graduated at Elmira College, N. Y., in 1891, and took her degree at the Women's Medical College, Philadelphia, in 1894. For thirteen months she was resident physician in the Women's Hospital, in that city, subsequently she attended the Philadelphia polyclinic for 4 months and took a post graduate course in John's Hopkins College. She crossed the Atlantic in 1896 and had some insight into hospital work on the other side. Returning, the attention of the Women's Board was directed to her, and she was recommended to the Foreign Board for appointment. This was formally made on the 14th of Sept., and on the 31st of Oct., she sailed from Philadelphia for Egypt. Her membership is in the church of the Rev. Dr. W. J. Robinson, Allegheny City, Pa. She and Dr. Watson will be located at Tanta, Egypt.

Miss Lizzie Dorcas Teas was born in Philadelphia. Her father was Mr. Sam'l. Teas, and her mother, Mrs. Eliza (Nutt) Teas. She was baptized in the Reformed Presbyterian church, but connected herself, by profession, with the United Presbyterian church in Frankford. Phila., then under the care of the Rev. James Price. She was educated in

the public and grammar schools of the city. Later she was trained in a special hospital, from which she graduated as a professional nurse. She had subsequently practice in hospital work in Philadelphia, and was for six years matron in the Maryland University and Obstetrical Hospital in Baltimore. She long had in her heart to go to the foreign mission field, and when Dr. Henry called for a nurse for his new hospital work in Assyoot, Egypt, she was promptly appointed by the Board of Foreign Missions to that mission. She sailed for Egypt with Doctors Watson and Lawrence, from Philadelphia, on Oct. 31st.

All of these young women missionaries, except Miss Teas, were selected by the Women's Board and nominated by them for appointment by Foreign Board.

"WHAT SHE COULD."

MRS. W. B. CASH.

(Published by request.)

WOMAN, last at the cross, first at the sepulchre. All through the history of Jesus, from the time that it pleased the Father in sending His son into the world, that He should be "born of a woman," until when on the cross, "He saw His mother and disciple standing by whom He loved, He saith unto His mother, Woman, behold thy son! and to the disciple, Behold thy mother!" it seems that woman was especially honored by Him.

Many of His miracles were worked either upon woman, or for her direct benefit. Out of Mary Magdalene He cast seven devils. Peter's wife's mother was cured of a fever. The daughter of Jairus was raised from the dead, and on the way the woman who touched His garment was healed by his word. Of Mary who anointed Him with the ointment from the alabaster box, He said she had wrought a good work, and "wheresoever this gospel shall be preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her." He had compassion on the widow of Nain, and restored her son to life.

Having been so highly honored by Him during His life on earth, it would seem but right that women should be close followers in his footsteps, ever seeking to merit the words of praise, "She hath done what she could." The question ever arises, What can she do? and has been answered by many of our sisters in obeying the Master's command, "Go ye into all the world," and they are working with our brothers, shoulder to shoulder, in carrying the gospel to the dark places of earth, and are teaching many a poor benighted sister who would, without them, not hear the "word of life."

But the question comes nearer home. and to us as a society, What can we do? We know the first answer should be, devote your talents and treasure to His service. That would seem to include *everything*, but still more, we might all answer, that in order to do the best work possible, we should inform ourselves as thoroughly as possible on all branches of mission work, and especially on the work which is being done by our own church.

As a means toward that I would suggest that it would be well for every member of our society to take The Women's MAGAZINE, and read it; read the letters from all parts of the field. Our church papers contain many interesting items, telling of the work and experience

of those engaged in the active service. Many good books have been written by those who have been in the work, all of which would help to enlighten us as to the need.

Let us not confine ourselves to an interest in and study of the Egyptian mission, because we have dear friends laboring there; or to India, because one of our own loved ones has gone there. Naturally we will take a deeper interest in them and what they are doing, but let us strive to think of the field as the wide world. We should make our meeting so interesting that every woman of the congregation will wish to join us.

But the question comes still nearer, and each one of us is asking in her heart, What can *I* do? We are apt to think because it has not been possible for us to go out into what seems the real work, that we can therefore do nothing, forgetting,

"If you cannot go forth as a herald today,
You can *give* to the cause, you can *work*, you can *pray*."

Yet do not we who are mothers or teachers sometimes feel that we have a work, the responsibility of which would be a burden too heavy to be borne if we could not take it to the "Great Burden Bearer" and get Him to carry it for us?

Since it is impossible for us to notice all the things which we can or should do, I would like to suggest one more: if we can not go into the harvest field ourselves, we can at least refrain from doing anything which might discourage others.

Would it not be well for us to not only speak, but think of it, not as a sacrifice, but as a blessed privilege to work for the Master wherever he may call us, whether in the high or low places of the field, and so teach our children and others who come under our influence? And let us strive to be content with what ever He gives us to do, though it may be that which is so hard for most of us—*only to wait*, remembering, "they also serve, who only stand and wait."

THE RELATION OF THE WOMEN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY TO THE JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY.

READ AT W. G. M. S. ERIE, PA., BY MRS. J. F. B. SMITH, UTICA, PA.

THE church in general has been slow in recognizing her duty toward the children and the importance of children's work. Now she is slowly but surely awaking to the fact that the children trained to-day become the active Christian men and women of to-morrow.

Especially should the Woman's Missionary society be impressed with the importance of the work among the children. The perpetuity of the senior society depends upon the success of the junior. Soon those who are now the leaders in the work will be called home, and the burden must rest upon other shoulders. Where are the new workers to be found except among those who are now the children? How can we expect them to be efficient workers for the Master unless they are trained, not for, but *in* his service? One does not think of practicing medicine or law without a thorough education along that line; neither can we expect one to do the best work in a missionary society unless he is familiar with the work. The children must be educated that they may take up the work and carry it forward until the light of the Gospel shall shine forth from all portions of the globe.

The longer the time of training, the better fitted for any work, the better

qualifications, the more thorough the work accomplished. In recognition of this fact, the "Little Light Bearers" division was formed in 1891, making a place for the tiny lambs of the flock, thus helping to answer the prayer of all God's people:

"In the kingdom of thy grace
Grant a little child a place."

Every Woman's Missionary society should have a Junior Society under its care. It is their duty to see that the children are organized. It is the province of the Women's society to appoint a superintendent. This is a matter of vital importance. Let them consider it a sacred duty. Do not choose one because of outward appearance, or because she is popular; but after careful and prayerful consideration let the choice fall upon a sister whose life is devotted to the service of the Master and whose heart is full of love for his little ones.

"The one chosen should consider the office a sacred trust, to be conscientiously accepted and not to be declined except for the most urgent and valid reasons. The position means work, hard work, but it means, too, blessed results; and "hard work with good results means a happy worker."

When the W. M.S. have chosen a superintendent, let them not suppose that their work is done—it is but begun. The superintendent cannot have a successful Junior missionary society unless the W. M. S. as a society and as indivíuals supports her. Be active in helping her. Let her know that in the senior society she can always find help and sympathy. Speak encouragingly of her and to her. Have enough interest in the Juniors to call for a report of her work, and ask her to speak often in your meetings of what the Juniors are doing. Never forget the day nor hour of the Junior meeting, and have your children there promptly, unless providentially hindered. Teach them to respect the wishes of the superintendent and to do whatever she requires of them cheerfully.

Another way in which you can support the superintendent is by home instruction. If you help your little ones to get the lesson assigned and see that the older ones learn it, you will contribute much to the encouragement of the leader and the good of the society.

Another important duty is to give the Juniors all due encouragement. Children are easily influenced. By a word the tide may be turned. If you are thoroughly interested in the Junior missionary society your children will be. Be ready to listen to all they will tell you of their society, and by giving it a prominent place in your home conversation, literature, and prayers, make them feel its importance. Visit the meetings with them sometimes and speak, if only a word, to let them know that you are in sympathy with their work. Children are always anxious to see their society grow, and you can help them in this by influencing other mothers to send their children. You can tell them of the good the Junior society does, not only to the members but to the world at large, and thus enlist their sympathies and their prayers for its welfare. Another good way to encourage the Juniors is by union meetings, that is, union of the Junior M. S. and the W. M. S. Prepare a special program and give the children and young people a prominent part. Make them feel that they are needed. They like to be recognized by the older people, and are thus made to feel that they have a work to do. These union meetings also serve to keep them in touch with the senior society, and when the time comes for their promotion into it they will welcome the day and feel at

home, instead of shrinking from it and possibly falling out altogether as many do.

The parent society has social duties to the young which must not be neglected. This is a point which is too often overlooked, but at which we can only glance in this connection. Always have a place for the Juniors in your social gatherings. Invite them to help you, and let it be known that the Juniors are important factors in making these meetings a success. Some societies give special receptions for the Juniors, which are always productive of good results. They invite the mothers with the children. After such a reception all return home with renewed interest in the work and a desire to become actively engaged in this great department of the Master's service,

The last point which we will notice is religious duties. In this age of the world, when every moment of time brings some duty, it is too often the case that all the work pertaining to worldly things is carefully performed, but the religious culture and discipline is neglected or set aside until we have "more time." If we would see the children of the next generation grow up in the kingdom of God, we must prepare the soil for the good seed which the Saviour intends shall be early implanted there. The seed sown cannot take care of itself any more than a rosebud can spring out of the ground without care. The soil must be prepared, the seed must be sown, the little plant must be nourished and watered, and pruned, and trained. Prayer is the agency by which such culture of the heart and life of the little one is secured. The parents should pray with and for their children and their work, and not only this, but teach them to pray. Teach them the importance, the solemnity, the necessity of prayer, and teach them to take part in the prayer service of the Junior society.

In the meetings of the W. M. S. the Juniors should always be remembered at a throne of grace. If we wish God's blessing upon the children, we must ask for it not only at the monthly meetings, but also one day of the year should be set apart as a day of prayer for the children of the church.

Divine intelligence and love shed a bright light upon the little ones. They are living parables of the Christian spirit. Ever are they to be associated with Christ. Our Lord, when on earth, had no greater favorites than children. He set them in the midst; he laid his hands on them; he blessed them; he invited them to his presence; he welcomed them to his person; he folded them lovingly in his arms. He calls them the lambs of his flock; he provides them with suitable food, and with it he bids us feed them. He represents by them his faithful followers; he reproves his disciples when they would have prevented their access to him. He reminds us all that they are precious in our Heavenly Father's sight, preserved by his providence and protected by his power. He assures us that their angels do always behold the face of his Father in heaven. If the Saviour in his active ministry, burdened with trials and sorrows greater far than any man has known, had time to notice and bless the children, surely then the church has fulfilled neither her highest mission nor the divine command, "Feed my lambs," if she neglects the least of these little ones. Let us, *then*, work and pray until the coming of the day when the great army of children shall be enlisted under Immanuel's banner and shall march forth to conquer the world for Christ.

The tree God plants
Strikes deeper root, grows higher still,
Spreads wider boughs, for God's good-will
Meets all its wants.

My Thank-Offering Box.

(Furnished by Thank-offering Committee.)

We were poor, Walter and I. Walter was a machinist and earned good wages till he fell and broke his leg. We did not possess cut glass and solid silver, but we had a comfortable home and were very happy in it. We had laid up some money in the savings bank and felt quite comfortable about our future. It seemed a strange providence that Walter should be thus afflicted, and, as week after week passed by, and we were using up our "little all," I began to feel there was need of my doing something to help in our living and keep the wolf from our door. "I mean to take in washing," I said one morning to Walter. "O, Mollie, I hate to see you do that," Walter said; but I persevered in my determination, and many a day my arms ached over work to which they were unaccustomed. I had been a member of our women's missionary society, and a constant attendance at the meetings had kept me interested.

One day I said to Walter: "I believe I will go to the missionary meeting." "Go by all means," he said, and so I went. All seemed glad to see me. The subject under discussion was tithes and offerings, and as they talked I thought if this subject had been taken up when Walter was well, how willing we both would have been to give our offerings to the Lord; but *now* we can scarcely get food to fill our mouths, to say nothing about giving to the Lord. Before the meeting closed the president said to me, "Won't you take a Thank-offering box? I do not like to have any of our members without one, and it will bring a reflex influence for good upon your own soul." "I can take the box," I replied, "but I do not think I can put much in it." I took the box home with me, and putting it together, sealed it with the red seal that came with it, and set it on the mantel in my room. For sometime I did not put much in the box, but one of my neighbors lent me her magazine, and my attention was again called to the tithing system. I determined to try that plan for one year, at least, and add a Thank-offering. Calling my children around me, I said, "Now, children, we are all going to give one tenth of all our earnings to God. When Charlie gets ten cents for holding a man's horse, he must put one penny in our missionary box." The children readily adopted my plan, and gave one tenth of their earnings to God.

We were often without meat upon our table, and sometimes without butter, but these articles of food are luxuries, not necessities. It was astonishing how much interest the children took in that box, and in its being filled. They gave conscientiously one tenth of all the money they earned, or which was given to them, to the Lord. My little Nina, my golden haired darling, would brush back the curls from her fair brow, and with sparkling eyes come to me and say, "Mudder, Mudder, box, box. Nina's tank-offering, Mudder, Nina's tank-offering, Mudder, I giv it to Dod."

Do you suppose my little one taught thus, when she grows up, is going to rob God of tithes and offerings and grasp her money bags, as many professing Christians grasp theirs today? I tell you, no; for there is no verse in scripture truer than the one, "Train up a child in the way he should go and when he is old he will not depart from it."

My oldest girl was taken sick. I tried some simple remedies, and she recovered. It would have cost me several dollars had I been obliged to call a physician; so I put a dollar in our box as a Thank-offering for her speedy recovery. We were a happy family, and that box was a

blessing to every one of us. My husband had used tobacco, but becoming convinced it was a sin against his own physical health, he gave it up, and devoted one tenth of the money he had thus expended to the Lord. I do not see how anyone can think he presents himself a living sacrifice to God, holy and acceptable when he is using tobacco which is injurious to the system.

A year passed away and I opened my box and counted up its contents. We had fifteen dollars for the Lord. Had any one said to me when I took the box, "Cannot you give fifteen dollars to the Lord, I would have answered, no; it would take the bread from the childrens' mouths." And yet by tithes and offerings we had been able to do this, and our family were not *worse* but *better* for it. Not one member in it would be willing to go without our box. The blessing has come back to every one of us. We are happier today for what we have given. We have grown in grace more than we could have done otherwise. We are getting *self* put down and made second in our calculations, not first. We would not think of living without our Thank-offering box. We would not be willing, under any circumstances, to go back to our former spasmodic manner of giving. We love our box because it has one us good and helped us on in our Christian pathway.

M. L. P.

La Prairie County, Illinois.

Our November Meeting.

It was a dark rainy day in November. We met in the lecture room of the church. There were only sixteen of us who met that day, and each one felt that she ought to make a special effort to make up for the dreary weather and the members absent. It was one of those meetings where you feel that the promise of the Father is verified; that he is indeed "in our midst."

Our leader, a dear little woman who is noted for her deeds of love, began by saying, "I feel as if the Father were near to us; that we will feel his presence more if we engage in silent prayer first." Her face had the look of one who has been "with Jesus." We could see that she had gone to her Father before coming, to ask His blessing. After we had bowed our heads in silent petition, she said she had chosen a praise service for the day. We then sang several numbers, stirring the soul to praise and thanksgiving to God for all His blessings.

Our scripture lesson was the last part of the 25th chapter of Matt. It was indeed impressive, in connection with the thought for the day—Freedmen and Indians: "That inasmuch as ye did it unto the least of these." Then the prayers! How it would have strengthened your hearts to have heard them. Simple, earnest prayers of women like yourself, with the daily cares, with the heavy burdens to carry, but with trusting hearts. How the hearts of those would have rejoiced who labor under southern skies for the uplifting of the freedman, or on the Pacific slope for the better condition of the red man. Surely the world is better for such prayers. Work on, dear sister, dear brother, we are praying for you.

Our papers? Yes, we had three of them, as outlined by Mrs. Finley. We were glad they were assigned us, for we learned much in preparing them, and others were informed by the reading. Our love was stronger for these needy people after the reading of those papers, and a silent resolution took hold on our hearts that we would do more in the future. After remarks by different members we closed the devotional exercise with prayer by the leader.

Then the president took her chair. At

the roll call each member present answered with a verse of scripture. After the regular routine of business the reports were called for. Calling committee reported 57 calls made during the month. It is the object of this committee to call on strangers who come to the church services. The sick, the aged, and those who seem backward in getting acquainted, are all remembered. One committee reported 17 quarts of canned fruit and 17 glasses of jelly brought in answer to a call from the society as a Thanksgiving offering to the Old Ladies Home of our city. Junior superintendent reported a Junior society organized with 33 members, and a Christmas box packed by them to send to the South to one of the new mission stations.

A social was arranged for, to take place in two weeks, for the purpose of bringing the members of the missionary society together, to awaken interest in old members, to introduce new ones and to have a general rally.

This gives an outline of one of our meetings. The devotional exercise is very devotional, and the business part is dispatched with the promptitude worthy a society of business men. If this description of an ordinary missionary meeting will give a new idea to others, will give an inspiration to greater usefulness in the Master's vineyard, I shall be glad.

MRS. JOHN MCD. HERVEY.

Richmond, Ind.

Literature.

SOW BESIDE ALL WATERS. ADAPTED FROM M. B. PLATTE.

One of the greatest divisions of our work is educational. If we wish to win the women of our churches to the cause of missions, we must educate them. Hundreds do not attend our missionary meetings to hear the spoken word, but they may be induced to read it. Now, what better way, by which to reach these non-listeners, than by the free use of literature.

I venture to assert that if every mission worker would at once begin careful, systematic literature work in her own locality, and keep it up for one year, she would be surprised at the result. Every woman can influence, to a certain degree, a circle of her friends and acquaintances, who are not similarly influenced by any other woman.

Let every sister begin work now and by persistent importunity compel attention to missions. I am thankful for the parable of the importunate widow. Work everywhere. Don't be afraid of exhausting the supply of literature; you can find something suitable for every occasion, and something that, if rightly used, will tell for good.

We have an abundance of leaflets, well calculated to slip into an envelope. All earnest workers should be supplied with a variety of these, and enclose one in every letter written. Depend upon it they will be as bread cast on the waters. It may be many days—aye you may never see the result, but the word has gone out, the influence is at work, and whatever be the outcome you have done your part.

Any member of our missionary societies who allows herself to be deprived of the stock of information and inspiration to be gained from the Women's Missionary Magazine is like a soldier going into battle without his ammunition. She may be willing enough; she may be earnest in the conflict, but if her magazine of information be empty she may as well retire from the field.

This work must not be left solely to literature superintendents; every woman of us should consider herself a committee of one to distribute our literature.

Lastly, don't hand any one a leaflet apologetically, as if you were ashamed

of it, or didn't more than half believe it. Give it heartily. If it has benefited you, it will benefit another.

Make people feel that you are doing them a favor by putting such good reading matter in their way. They will read it because you asked them to, and the ideas once lodged will stick. If you have no reward for your importunity here, you will have it over yonder. It lies in the "Well done good and faithful servant.

"My people are destroyed for lack of knowledge." Let us be educators that we may help to win the world for Christ. L. E. P.

MISSIONARY CORRESPONDENCE.

CAIRO, EGYPT,
Nov. 5, 1896.

DEAR FRIENDS:

Our hearts were gladdened a week ago today by the arrival of Dr. W. W. White and family. They reached here about 6 p. m., dusty and tired from their journey by rail from Port Said. Nevertheless Dr. White was not too tired to meet with us in our regular mid-week English prayer-meeting at 8:30, and give us the beginning of his talks on "Prayer." A few of the C. M. S. missionaries and some other English friends were present. I need not say that we all felt it to be a precious hour.

The following evening Dr. White continued his lessons in our congregational prayer-meeting, translated into Arabic, and again on Sabbath morning he preached, through an interpreter, to a crowded house (the three congregations of the city in one), and after the service was over some of the women and girls took my hand and said, "Oh, if we could only have understood him in English?"

Sabbath evening Dr. White preached to our English speaking community, and again at 8 p. m. he talked to the girls in the Boarding school. We all felt that this was asking a good deal of him in one day, but all seemed eager to hear what he had to say, and he was so willing to talk that it was easy to impose on him.

On Monday morning early he, with Dr. Watson, started to Assiout to hold a series of meetings there. We are looking forward with pleasure to his return here, when we hope to hear more of what he has to say on the great subject of "Prayer" and the "Holy Spirit." We have all been praying earnestly for months for a special outpouring of the Spirit on the people of this land, and we trust Dr. White may be the instrument in God's hand toward bringing about this spiritual awakening.

Oh, we do need it—missionaries as well as the people! Surely we are all empty vessels, or more souls would have been watered and made fruitful. There is, Oh, so much with which we have to contend. The simple minded people are weak in faith, and they must be talked to, prayed with and looked after, to help them along. Those who are worldly minded love the things of this world and neglect the Holy ordinances of God's house, and are a stumbling block to those who could be won for Christ. Our missionary force is too weak to look after the needs in the central stations; what can be done for the out stations?

I often feel in my own family that I undertake too much to do any thing well, and it must be so in mission work. Where there is so much to be done, some things must go undone. The people are asking for more schools—schools

for the higher class of people, both for boys and girls. Our present school quarters are over crowded, and many have to be turned away whom we would be glad to help.

I am very much interested in a Sabbath school class I have been teaching in English since last January. The class numbers 15 boys and girls, who range in age from 5 to 8 years. They all speak English, but are of various nationalities; two are American, and one English; three are English-Italian, three Syrian-Italian, some Syrian, and as for the rest I do not know to what nation they belong. Most of them are bright little children, and all seem to like to come to Sabbath-school; but the parents do not show so much interest. One lady sent word that if we couldn't have the school at a later hour in the day, she would have to keep her children at home, for they are so excited over getting started to school at 8:30 a. m., that the family cannot take their extra Sabbath morning nap. I would be sorry to lose any of the class, and have not yet been able to arrange any other hour.

Some of these little ones are read to from Bible story books and taught at home; most of them do not attend any religious service except the Sabbath-school. Some of them know very little about God and have not heard of the Saviour, and it is very difficult to make the lesson plain to all. It is not surprising then that I find the hour far too short a time for the lesson, and often feel that I have failed to impress some truth on their young hearts, and when I think that this is their only chance for hearing the word, I tremble.

There are other English speaking children who might be induced to come, if we only had the time to try to induce them and then look after them and keep them interested. It would really take one person's whole time to look after the English speaking foreigners here in Cairo. So many feel that they are away from home and therefore under no religious obligations. They do not feel as the Psalmist did when he wrote, "Whither shall I go from thy spirit? or whither shall I flee from thy presence?"

Oh, that we might always feel the power of example both at home and abroad!

Yours in the Master's service,

E. N. GIFFEN.

CAIRO, EGYPT,
Oct. 5, 1896.

This year, as usual, the Cairo missionaries took their summer vacation by turns. Dr. and Mrs. White and Mr. Giffen and family went to Ramleh first and then three of the young ladies. The heat was trying in the afternoons in July and August, the greatest heat being apparently about half past four or even five o'clock. So we seldom went out at that time, unless it was necessary. The time we felt the heat the most was one afternoon in July, when Dr. and Mrs. Harvey and I went to the funeral of an English servant girl, who had died of cholera, after a few hours illness. The family with whom she lived had her removed to a hospital as soon as the physician pronounced the disease to be cholera, and then they hastened away to Alexandria after asking Dr. Harvey to look after the funeral. We three were the only persons who went to the cemetery, besides the four ill looking men who carried the coffin.

Our native congregation in Cairo suffered very little from cholera, we are thankful to say, but in some of the other parts of the country there were a good many taken away. It is estimated that about twenty thousand have died from this disease in Egypt, during the past

eleven months it has been in different parts of the country. One little girl in the Koolalie school died after twenty four hours illness, but to save the usual disinfection, burning of the clothes, etc., by the sanitary authorities, the friends told the doctor that she had had a cough for ten days, and had complained of pain in her head. So nothing was done by the sanitary officials, and yet I was told that no other member of the family took the disease.

The Koolalie school re-opened Aug. 3rd with two teachers and a fair attendance of girls.

I left Cairo with Dr. Harvey and family the first of September after those who had preceded us to Ramleh had returned, and were beginning the school work of the autumn. My work went on as usual during my absence, although it would have been better with someone to oversee it, especially as one of the three teachers was absent about three weeks from ophthalmia. Dr. and Mrs. Watson went to Ramleh on the 2nd of September, Mr. and Mrs. Murch having preceded us.

Mrs. Harvey, in her letter two weeks ago, told of the sadness which overtook us on the 6th of the month in the death of our dear, cheerful Mrs. Strang, and five days afterwards in that of Dr. Henry's little three year old son. In the first case death came, Oh, so quickly; in the other, after days of anxious waiting. In both cases it brought us very near to the other world and the unseen, and it made us see not only the need of preparation for ourselves, but of being able to help others when in the dark valley of the shadow of death or of sorrow. May we who are left be more than ever consecrated for service, and live nearer Him who loved us. What a privilege it is to be back again, able for work!

ANNA Y. THOMPSON.

FOREIGN NEWS BUDGET.

BY MRS. MARY B. REID.

Miss Leonora McDowell and Miss Adella McMillan report concerning the work in Alexandria. The former says:

This month has kept up the record of "ye olden times" for dampness. Our walls are covered with bead drops like to the morning dew. The school has increased somewhat during the month, but some of the Moslems have dropped out. They came into school through persuasion and as soon as the novelty wore off they quit. Now we must go and urge them to come back.

A Coptic girl, sixteen years of age, entered school this month for the first time. Mrs. McFarland and I visited her in her father's home over a year ago, and now she comes to us with her face closely veiled. This is the first girl who has done this since I came here. Formerly I had reason to believe that when girls began to cover their faces, it was impossible to get them to come to school, but I see now it is possible.

One of our former pupils, a Jewess, who was married recently, called on us and asked that the Bible woman be permitted to visit her. During her stay I read in the New Testament with her, and we had quite an interesting talk. I was encouraged when I saw how willingly she received instruction. This is rather surprising when we consider that at the present time the Jews are greatly embittered against us, because of Regina and Rather, of whom I have written before. A sister of Regina has been giving evidence that the seed sown in her heart has not been in vain. She shows great concern for her neighbors, and has suggested having a meeting where they may be gathered and taught. This spirit is not born of the Jewish instruction given her at home, but is the outgrowth of her school training.

The Armenian refugees are coming to Alexandria by scores. Last Sabbath 100 Protestants were ready to come to church, when they were told it was useless as the services were in Arabic, which they could not understand. One of our church members is taking a great interest in them, and is doing all he can to assist them. He has a class in the Mission house in the evenings to teach them Arabic, so that they may be enabled to secure employment. They have also been given the privilege of holding a prayer-meeting in Mission house.

Mrs. Jackson and Miss Black's visit to us was a pleasant surprise, as word had been received a few days before, that they would not stop here. The new missionaries are with us at present, Rev. and Mrs. Reed making a short stop before going to Cairo. Rev. and Mrs. Sowash will remain with us. We are still showering the questions upon them, about the home land. Friends who come to us across the waters bring with them as it were breezes from the homeland, and we are strengthened thereby, and thus enabled to push onward with renewed zeal.

Miss Adella McMillan writes:

As I have been asked to write an item for the News Budget will tell you a little of the Moharrem

Bey school where my work is now.

I find the school very interesting. We have now fifty-five pupils, most of them little ones and a large part Jewesses. Since the two Jewesses of whom Miss McDowell has written, have become Christians, we find it very difficult to teach them of Christ, but we have a daily Bible lesson to which they must listen. Then on Fridays I have a special Bible lesson with the older girls in English, and we were very much pleased on last Sabbath to see fifteen of the girls at Sabbath-school. So I hope the bitterness will soon cease and that they will all be willing to come to Sabbath-school and learn of Jesus.

Esther, one of the two Jewesses who has accepted Christ as her Savior, is a pupil teacher and she studies a Bible lesson with me each day in English and her face fairly beams with happiness as we speak of Jesus. She is not allowed to have a Bible in her home. It is quite a pleasure to teach her, and she is a great comfort to me, and is also such a good teacher. I am sure she is a "living witness of Christ."

In Cairo news Mrs. Elizabeth Giffen says:

Our warm weather still continues with a heavy fog almost every morning. Many are complaining of coughs, colds and rheumatism, and some of our number have had French measles, not a very serious disease, yet enough to make one feel uncomfortable; but I have not heard of any giving up regular duties.

Our mission seems to be like one great machine, and when once you are in place you feel that you must keep your part of the machinery in motion; but sometimes we are all laid aside whether we will or not.

We all enjoyed having Mrs. Jackson and Miss Black stop with us for a week's visit. The lormer saw many changes, and seemed saddened to think that only one family (Dr. Watson's) remained of all she saw when here years ago with her father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Dales.

Miss Kyle writes:

We were very much pleased this week to have two Moslem girls enter the Boarding school. They are girls of high families. We now have four Moslem boarders, and hope we may keep them sufficiently long enough to learn the way of salvation.

Our school has become almost formidable in numbers; we have 220 enrolled.

At present we are enjoying a feast in having opportunities to hear Dr. White give his most beneficial talks on "Prayer."

Mrs. Harvey writes:

As known to many of your readers, Dr. Carroll, son of Dr. S. Lansing, is a practicing oculist in Cairo. He has told me several times lately that this is an unusnally bad time for eyes. I was in his rooms yesterday far less than ten minutes and in that time he examined the eyes of five or six persons, two of them infants of three and four months, whose eyes he found were entirely gone. It was heart-rending to see the grief of the poor mothers, and to think of the sad future of the little ones, without God and without hope. Two men called at our house two days ago to ask for teachers for a sister and wife. Miss Thompson and I went to see them. The women seem quite in different, but the men are anxious to have them taught to read, but "especially religion." Their people have lately come to Cairo to live. They say they are Protestants, but when asked if they had attended church where they had lived they said "sometimes." The wife said, "my husband wants me to learn to pray, but I tell him I cannot pray if I cannot read." A Bible woman is to go to them twice a week, and we urged the men to do their duty to the members of their own household.

Mrs. E. M. Giffen writes of work at Assiout as follows:

Dr. W. W. White left here this morning after six days hard work. He held seventeen meetings in the six days. Dr. Watson came up with Dr. White and translated all but three of the addresses. Although it is very difficult to make translated addresses as interesting and forcible as the original, Dr. Watson translated in such a way that very little if any power was lost.

About forty of the workers were here for the meetings, and all seemed much interested. We are now sure much good has been done, and more will be done when the workers return to their fields of labor.

Mr. Strang and Mrs. Nichol spent the week with us, in order to be present at the meetings. Mrs. White and son Robert came up from Cairo for a few days, in order to see the place. Mrs Jackson, of Philadelphia, spent a day in Assiout week before last. She had been here about thirty years ago, and of course saw great changes. Miss Dickey came to Assiout with Mrs. Jackson, and has begun her work—the study of Arabic. She also gives Miss Hogg some assistance in the girls' school.

The water was let off the land in this neigborhood about two weeks ago, and now everything is green and beautiful, like springtime at home.

Mrs. Wm. M. Nichol reports of the progress of mission work, in Luxor:

Mission life has its discouragements. The Luxor boys' school, which was progressing so nicely, suddenly came to a stand still. During our absence in Ramle, quarrels arose, which resulted in the teacher leaving, taking almost all the boys with him, and opeuing a school in the Coptic priest's house. Such occurrences as this are among some of our disconragements. At, times, we think we have established something sure to do good and live, only to be disappointed in its sudden fall. Doubtless there is some losson God intends us to learn in every discouragement. If we build upon the rock, if we rely upon God's strength and not upon our own, if we make the glory of God our chief end, we may safely meet the results. Again we take courage and pray for the success of the Luxor boys' school which has been reopened. A new teacher has been secured. Twenty boys are now enrolled.

The Luxor girls' school has the usual attendance Gradually the taller (not older) girls drop out and their places taken by smaller ones. We have succeeded in keeping one large girl who comes to school in her black covering. The school has been free to all till within the past few months: since then the pupils who are able have been paying a part of the teachers salary. The Catholics are exerting a strong influence in this place against us.

We are pleased to be able to report the opening of three new girls' schools in this district—one in Aswan, one in Koos, and one in Kena. You will pray with us for their success. We hope, soon to be able to give you favorable reports from them.

The Kena people are pushing the work on their new church building.

This morning, a battalion of the Egyptian army passed by in small boats, on their way from Dongola to Sewakim. As there was no wind, they allowed the boats to drift in mid stream with the current. The last boat contained, with others, the drum corps. To my great surprise they struck up the old familiar tune of "*Swaunee River*." In Luxor, we hear no music but that of the native horn and "tum-tum." Imagine my mingled feel-

ings as I listened to that old home tune coming over the still waters of the Nile, rendered by soldiers returning from the Soudan. How sad that but a very limited number of them know Christ! Would that they were soldiers of the Cross.

Miss Sallie E. Dickey, India, writes from the Hills, where the newer missionaries have remained until near the time of the meeting of the Mission Association:

In the midst of packing I stop to write a few lines for the Budget, and just in passing I might remark that a knowledge of the art of packing ought to be one of the first requirements of a successful missionary. It is an art which missionaries find frequent occasion to exercise. Music, painting, fancy work, &c., must necessarily decline and in most cases cease entirely, but packing "goes on forever." Just now I hear Mr. and Mrs. Kyle discussing what they shall do with this medicine bottle, whether they had better keep out the *low* shoes, and what clothing will do best service on the way. No doubt by the time we have been here ten years these matters will be easier settled. I believe we, Mr. and Mrs. Ballantine, and Baby Agnes, Mr. and Mrs. Kyle, Miss Morrison and I are the last to leave the hills. We leave here Monday morning, Oct. 19th and expect (D V.) to reach Sialkot Tuesday morning, Oct. 20th, the day appointed for examinations in the language.

Thursday, Oct. 22nd, is the day appointed for opening Annual Meeting. We are all looking forward to this meeting with the greatest pleasure. Besides the social benefits we hope to receive, we are praying for, and are expecting great spiritual blessings. At this one time in the whole year we are permitted to meet together and unite our forces for a real spiritual feast and mutual edification in Godliness.

At this time, too, we new missionaries of '95 will be appointed to work and will then have to move back a pace and make room for others, those now on the way. We, however, are ready and very anxious to welcome them into our midst, and will with great pleasure give over our titles to those more worthy than ourselves.

Miss Fannie C. Martin, who has been out just a year, writes of her own experience:

How vivid are the recollections of a year ago, when I bade farewell to loved ones in the homeland and started for a country beyond the seas. The first year in India is considered the most trying, as there are many things to learn beside the language; but the the time has gone by very quickly to me. I doubt not that it has seemed shorter to me than to the friends ot home. There has been so much that was new and strange and we have been changed about considerably from place to place. Truly we know no fixed dwelling place in this land. One of the things we all hav to learn here is to make ourselves comfortable whether in mission house, a tent or dak bungalo.

At the beginning of the year the Misses Morrison, Dickey and I were appointed to Gurdaspur with Mr. and Mrs. Gordon. Here we remained four months or until we were sent to the hills. There Mr. and Mrs. McConnelee and Mr. and Mrs. Kyle were in the same house with us. Our home was most pleasant until in July when three of our number were taken very sick. All recovered in a short time except our dear Jean, (Miss Morrison,) who is just now b.ginning to regain her strength, and we hope in a few days she will be able to join us on the plains. Though the past year has been a grand one and one of great blessing to me, I find myself glad that the first year is about over, and that we will be given something else to do besides studying all the time.

The Annual Meeting begins next week and we are all looking forward to the time as a time of great refreshing, especially we new missionaries, who have been able to understand very little of the Urdu sermons which we have heard this summer.

The plains about Sialkot are very parched and dry because of the small amount of rain during the summer, but there is little sickness, for which all are thankful, and the work seems in a bright and prosperous condition.

A letter from Dr. Anna Watson, dated Nov. 14, reported the safe arrival in Liverpool of the three young ladies who sailed from Philadelphia Oct. 31. Fog and head winds delayed the passage of of the Belgenland somewhat, causing the young ladies to miss by a couple of days the fortnightly steamer of the Mediteranean service, which they had expected to take. The intervening time to the departure of the next steamer, the Rameses, sailing Nov. 24 from Liverpool, would be spent in seeing something of England and Scotland.

Word has also been received of the safe arrival of the India party at Bombay. Saturday Nov. 7. All were well. The new missionaries, Rev. Osborne Crowe, Miss Josephine Martin, Miss Kate A. Hill, will remain during the winter at Sialkot.

HOME MISSION BUDGET.

MRS. H. C. CAMPBELL.

The readers of our MAGAZINE would perhaps be glad to know something of the manner in which the home missionaries supported by the W. G. M society conduct their work. We have three devoted women laboring in San Francisco presbytery, and that you may have a faint idea of their difficulties and en-

couragements, as reported to the Women's Board from month to month, I have taken the liberty of sending the following reports for publication.

1512 Union St., Alameda, Cal., Nov. 4, '96.

MRS. H. C. CAMPBELL.

DEAR SISTER:—Enclosed please find my reports for September and October. During September I had a severe attack of grippe and lost one week of calling work, but have endeavored faithfully to do what my hand found to do in singleness of heart and purpose. Alameda is a residence city and the people are moving about a great deal, shifting back and forth; sometimes to San Francisco then back after a year or so to Alameda or Oakland. Many considerations enter in as causes, such as change of climate, greater freedom for the children, etc., But the effect in our work is not encouraging as far as permanent results for the amount of labor expended are concerned. In these two months, I can report three new scholars and the return of four who have at sometime attended occasionally before. Many of these children I have found have never before attended Sabbath-school and it is very hard to hold them while the street or beach offers plenty of fun and the half-hourly trains on the Sabbath day are filled with people intent on breaking the Sabbath day as an object lesson and example.

There are many hopeful and encouraging things on the other hand; among them the heartfelt, intense interest of some of the children whose parents cannot give them any help because they themselves are not Christians. You in the east can not understand the almost immeasurable difference between the environment of a child here and that of one in the east from infancy until childhood is past and continuing on through youth past middle age. Will you not remember these children in a special manner in your prayers, and us also who have charge of them?

Faithfully,
ISABEL M. BROOKS.

REPORT FOR SEPTEMBER.

Sabbath meetings and services attended	16
Ladies' Aid and Juniors, (six afternoons)	6
Prayer meetings and special services	11
Total	33
No of calls made	103

OCTOBER.

Sabbath services and meetings	16
Ladies' Aid and Juniors (eight afternoons)	8
Prayer meetings and special	8
Total	32
Number of calls made	151

ISABEL M. BROOKS.

San Jose, Cal., Nov. 2, 1896.

MY DEAR MRS. CAMPBELL:—

Our canvass for people and children who do not attend any church or Sabbath-school has been going steadily along. I have made 316 calls; or in other words, gone to 316 doors, enquiring whether the people went to church or not. Found 48 families and persons who do not go to church regularly anywhere, and a number of these never go at all. Cards of invitation are left with them, and our purpose is to follow up the work. We have secured 5 new Sabbath-school pupils—the result of this work, and a number of others have promised "to come;" others to "think about it." Some have faithfully promised "to come the next Sabbath," but have failed to materialize. Yet we hope to get these after a while. Have made 32 calls seeking absent pupils—calls at the Mission 28; other calls in connection with the work, 23. Attendances as follows: Mission Prayer meeting, 4; Mission Sabbath-school, 3; Church Sabbath-school, 4; Church Services, 5; Church Prayer meeting, 5; Church Christian Endeavor, 1; Missionary Meeting, 1; Funeral, 1; Preparatory Service, 1; C. E. Convention, 1; Total, 26.

Sewed one afternoon with the ladies of the church for a poor family, who belong to our church and whose children attend Sabbath-school.

Am sorry not to be able to attend the Christian Endeavor meetings and evening services more, but find, especially since being sick, that after the Mission Sabbath-school in the afternoon, I am much fatigued and one Sabbath during the month we had no preaching services, our pastor being absent at Synod.

Asking for your prayers for this far western corner of the vineyard,

I am yours, Very Sincerely,
MAUD S. MCINTYRE.

1365 Castro St., Oakland, Nov. 5, 1896.

MY DEAR MRS. CAMPBELL:

The last few days have been busy ones for our ladies. We decided at our last Aid meeting to serve lunch on election day, with two motives in view: one that we might raise a little money for the benefit of our church, the other that we might serve hot coffee to the men who loiter round the precincts and newspaper offices waiting for the returns, with the hope of keeping them from the saloon. The Union Saving's Bank gave us the use of a store to serve our lunch in free of charge in the very best location possible, and almost everything else we had was donated. We were quite happy yesterday morning to find that we had realized a little over $13.00, besides giving a day's work to two poor boys, and having considerable provisions left over to send to some of our needy families.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed here Oct. 25, and four new members were received on profession of their faith, two of whom also received the ordinance of baptism. Surely the Lord is showing us His favor and encouraging us to still greater diligence. This communion was one of special blessing to many of us, due particularly perhaps to the preparatory services preceding.

Our Wednesday evening prayer meeting was conducted in the usual manner; subject, "And let a man examine himself and so let him eat of that bread and drink of that cup." This brought us face to face with a solemn warning as we anticipated the coming Sabbath. On Thursday and Friday evenings Mr. French preached on, "What is involved in Church membership" and "The Communion." The meetings were well attended and the preaching of the word received with open hearts; hence the special blessing on the Sabbath.

We are now busy preparing for a Sabbath-school convention under the auspices of our Ministers Union, which is to be held in our church next Tuesday Nov. 10th. Afternoon and evening sessions are being planned for with interesting addresses and papers on different subjects pertaining to Sabbath-school work. We are hoping to see many of our friends from across the bay with us at that time. A basket lunch is to be served in the church parlor, which will add greatly to the social feature of the convention.

We have still a good many sick on our list, the effects of which has been felt in our Sabbath-school. The average attendance this month has not been large, especially among the primary scholars where whooping cough and measles have been quite prevalent. Many are getting along nicely and will soon be back with us again. Number of calls made last month, 112. With best wishes

I am Yours Sincerely,
HELEN CURRIE.

It is not the desire nor intention of

our Board to furnish helpers to pastors who are only doing regular work, but we gladly support women who, under the care of a session, undertake special work in neighborhoods suffering for lack of the gospel, or in places where hopes are entertained of establishing a United Presbyterian church.

Presbyteries and sessions knowing of such places where workers are needed, are invited to correspond with the Home Mission Secretary.

YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT.

Thank-Offering Service For Our Juniors.

By Mrs. Mary Clokey Porter.

Silent prayer—asking God's help to be sincere in all that is to be done during the hour—in praying, singing, reading, speaking or giving.

Bible Songs, 126:1, 2.

Responsive Reading.—Ps. 136:1-9:23-26.

Leader.—Draw a breastplate (after the pattern of the High Priests in Bible times,) and call for twelve things to be named, which God has given to each one, and for which all should thank Him. Write these in the twelve spaces, somewhat as follows: Life, mind, heart, eyes, mouth, ears, hands, feet, the Bible, a Christian land, the Holy Spirit, a Saviour. Enlarge upon how these gifts should be used for God's glory, and teach what it means to take all these twelve gifts, with praise and thanksgiving upon the heart to God in prayer.

Sing Bible Songs—202:1-7.

Sentence prayers, with each one thanking God for one special gift God has given him or her.

Leader.—What should we give in return for what God has done for us?

Answer.—The Children's Offering.

(By Five Boys or Girls.)

I

The wise may bring their learning,
The rich may bring their wealth,
And some may bring their greatness,
And some bring strength and health.
We, too, would bring our treasures
To offer to our King;
We have no wealth of learning—
What shall we children bring?

II

We'll bring him hearts that love Him;
We'll bring Him thankful praise;
And young souls meekly striving
To walk in holy ways.

III

And these shall be the treasures
We offer to our King;
And these are gifts that even
The poorest child may bring.

IV

We will bring the little duties
We have to do each day;
And try our best to please Him,
At Home, or school, or play.

V

Far better are these treasures
To offer to our King,
Than richest gifts without them;
Yet these a child may bring.

Leader.—What have the boys and girls in America to be thankful for that many in other lands have not?

1st Boy.—That we live in a land where we are free to worship God according to our own conscience.

2nd.—That we do not live in Armenia where boys and girls and parents are murdered because they will not give up their Christian religion.

3rd.—That we are not of the poor in India and China where thousands die every day of hunger.

4th.—That we are not taught by our parents to bow down and worship idols.

5th.—That we have Sabbath-schools where we can learn about Jesus, and Junior societies where we are taught to work for Him.

Stories in brief of the great spiritual need of children in the various heathen countries, followed by several short prayers for them.

Questions for Juniors to Answer.

What is one way God would have us show our thankfulness for what He has done for us?

How can our money tell others about Jesus?

What interesting story can you give as a result of mission work?

ONLY A LITTLE HEATHEN.

A dissected story for eight bright eyes was of a very wretched little heathen girl whose parents were dead, and no one loved her. All thought she was a burden, and wished she was out of the way. Her long soft hair was a tangled mat; her big dark eyes were generally full of tears; her dark skin was never clean, and on her starved little body hung her only garment, a faded cotton frock.

2.

In this condition she strayed into a mission school and heard such wonderful singing and strange talk. She heard that most of the things she knew were bad, and had better be unknown; that there were many good things of which she had never learned; that there was a heaven, where she was never likely to go as she was, and a great loving Saviour, of whom she knew nothing.

3.

Among all the scholars in the mission, the teacher's heart went out most to this poor child, and she longed to rescue her. The Indians gave the child to the teacher, and she took her to her own home. She became a very happy little child.

4.

But by and by there grew up in her child heart a great wish for an "American doll," such as she saw the missionaries children have and which usually sells for ten or fifteen cents.

5.

Bright Eyes began saving her pennies she earned, to buy a doll. One hot summer day she picked several quarts of wild berries, which she sold for ten cents. That afternoon the lesson study was about Christ, who, "though He was rich for our sakes He became poor." This set the child to thinking what she could do for Christ in return.

6.

Before she went to bed, she went to her teacher with her beautiful ten cents in hand and said, "Teacher, divide.—Jesus half;—me half." She was willing to wait a little longer for her "American doll," that she might give something to tell others about Jesus.

7.

When Christmas came this poor little rescued heathen girl was given two dolls from the Christmas box, sent from America, and her face was bright with smiles. No more tears for Bright Eyes.

8.

In six months this little girl had learned to speak English, to read the New Testament, to write her name, to sew, to do house work and to be clean and tidy.

EIGHT IN CONCERT.

Whose money went to help make this wonderful change in the *little* heathen, by sending a mission teacher to rescue her? *Did your's, Junior* boys and girls?

Leader.—What special offering have you to give today, to help the missionaries to tell of Jesus?

(As the leader writes the following initials on the board in a perpendicular line, the Juniors should repeat the Bible verses in concert.)

O—O clap your hands, all ye people,
U—Unto our King sing praises,
R—Rejoice ye righteous and shout for joy.

T—The Kings of the isles shall bring presents,
H—He shall have dominion from sea to sea,
A—And to Him shall be given the gold of Sheba.
N—Nations shall be blessed in Him,
K—Know ye the Lord, that He is God.

O—O come let us sing unto the Lord.
F—For the Lord is a great King above all gods,
F—For He is our God, and we are the sheep of his pasture,
E—Enter into His gates with thanksgiving.
R—Rejoice, ye Gentiles, with His people.
I—In Him shall all nations of the earth be blessed.
N—Nations shall come and worship before Him,
G—God over all, blessed forevermore.

IN CONCERT.

Blessed be His glorious name forever and let the whole earth be filled with His glory.
Amen and Amen.

Have a decorated basket set on a small stand where the Juniors can march around it and drop in their offerings while singing Psalm. 132:1,?,4. While all stand around the basket with bowed heads have one recite the following:

WE THANK THEE.

Our young hearts are full of gladness,
Our young lips are full of praise.
As we come to thank Thee Father,
For the love that crowns our days.

For this Christian land we praise Thee,
Stretching out to east and west,
For the precious open Bible,
For the holy Sabbath rest;

And for Jesus Christ our Saviour,
Better than all gifts beside.
For the blessed, Holy Spirit,
Sent our timid steps to guide.

Thanks for all, dear Lord, we give Thee
Through our offerings here today,
And that all may learn to love Him,
We do now sincerely pray.

Prayer of consecration, ending with the Lord's prayer in concert.

Close singing Bible Songs, 87:1,2, 3.

THANK-OFFERING BOXES.

DEAR JUNIORS:

No doubt some of you are thinking that the beautiful Thank-offering boxes sent out free by our Women's Board are for the mothers' societies only, and that the Juniors are not asked to give Thank-offerings.

This is a great mistake. No class of

persons in the world have more to be thankful for than the boys and girls of America, and none should be more willing to show their gratitude to the Giver of all good than they. Do you not often say, "How thankful I am that I was not born an Indian or a Chinaman or among the Freedmen of the South?" Then prove your thankfulness by giving offerings to lift up these poor Indians and other needy ones. If any of your societies have not been supplied with boxes in which to place your thank-offerings, ask your leader to count how many of her Juniors are willing to use the boxes, and then order one for each of the members from J. J. Porter & Co., 824 Liberty street, Pittsburg, Pa. You will, of course, want to do your full part toward helping the church to raise the $75,000 asked for as our Tenth Offering. We cannot do without the help of the Juniors, and as there are but four months remaining before the "Ingathering" of offerings, you will have to work hard to earn and save, so as to give a liberal sum at that time.

You will all be interested to know that in the printed reports of our Women's General Missionary Society next May there will be a special column in which due credit will be given the Juniors for their offerings.

Don't you all want your societies to be enrolled as givers? Then, with God's help, go to work promptly, and be faithful in gathering in the pennies and nickles and dimes and quarters into your Thank-offering boxes; and with each gift send up a prayer to God to accept and bless.

When giving Christmas offerings to your friends, do not forget to give your best gift to Jesus, who is your best friend.

Sincerely Yours,

MRS. MARY CLOKEY PORTER.

Allegheny, Pa., Dec. 1, 1896.

Suggestions for Junior Missionary meeting in February.

Subject.—Tithe-paying.
Scripture lesson, Gen. 28, 10 to 22 v.
What is giving the tithe?
Why should we give the tithe?
Recitation.—"One tenth."
What has God promised if we give the tithe?
Is this command and promise for the rich who can give much, or for any one, whether he can give much or little?
Bible reading on tithing.

I suggest that, as far as possible, the children answer these questions themselves, after which the teacher may explain and develop the subject, making it as forcible as possible.

Dear children, God has given us all we have, and he asks that we give the one tenth to him. When he has done so much for us, and has given us the great gift of his Son, can we refuse?

He has also promised that if we give the tenth to him he will bless us more in using the nine tenths than if we had kept all for ourselves. He does not ask it only of the rich, or of older persons; it is asked of all, even the little children. It is a grand thing that even the smallest child can give to Jesus.

Out of every ten cents you have you can easily put one cent into the Lord's treasury, and ten cents out of every dollar. Jacob promised, or covenanted with God, that "of all thou wilt give me I will surely give the tenth to thee, and God blessed him with great wealth." Our Young People's Christian Union has many members who signed the tithing pledge; cannot our Junior Missionary Society, at the beginning of the new year, have many who will promise to our Heavenly Father as Jacob did? Will you not give faithfully of your little now, and fail not to give faithfully of your larger amount as you grow older?

ONE TENTH.

One tenth of ripened grain,
One tenth of tree and vine,
One tenth of all the yield
From ten tenths of rain and shine.

One tenth of lowing herds,

That browse on hill and plain,
One tenth of bleating flocks,
For ten tenths of shine and rain.

One tenth of all increase—
From counting-room and mart;
One tenth that science yields,
One tenth of every art.

One tenth of loom and press.
One tenth of mill and mine,
One tenth of every craft
Wrought out by gifts of Thine.

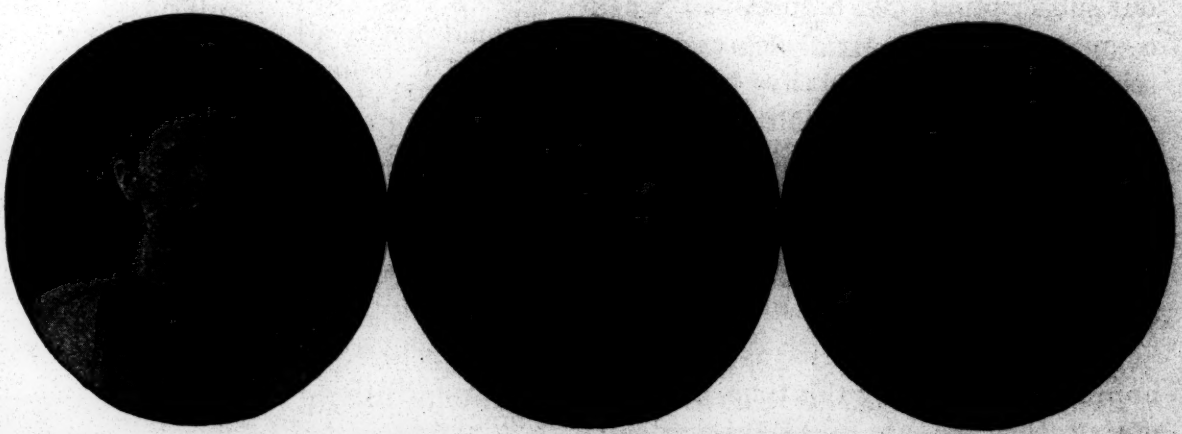
One tenth of glowing words,
That glowing dollars hold;
One tenth of written thoughts
That turn to shining gold.

One tenth! And dost thou, Lord,
But ask this meager loan,
When all this earth is Thine,
And all we have Thine own? *Selected.*

"Another important thing that children should be led to do, is to earn their own missionary money by self-denial, or by some stated work for which they receive pay. If we would have generous men and women by and by the children must be trained to habitual giving, and that of their own means.

"I always remember with pleasure the little girl whose mother chided her for giving so much of her means, which was much more than a tenth, on one occasion. Whereupon she said, 'Why, mamma, I ought to give a tenth always. I owe that you know; and sometimes I want to make a present to the Lord.' This is a strong contrast with the man who, when asked why he gave so little, replied: 'If you knew how it hurts to give what I do, you wouldn't blame me.'" —*Missionary Messenger.*

EDITORIAL.



Miss Anna Boggs Watson, M. D. Miss Lizzie Dorcas Teas. Miss Caroline Carle. Lawrence M. D.

The party which sailed for Egypt. Oct. 31st.

ANOTHER YEAR.

Before our feet, untrodden, lies
Another year;
And in our heart grave thoughts arise
Imbued with fear.

We know not what for us it holds
In coming days;
If we shall walk through dreary wolds,
Or pleasant ways;

If we shall waken to dismay,
Or glad surprise;
If o'er us shall be gloom of gray,
Or azure skies;

But hark! across the unknown way
No foot hath trod—
Comes to the fainting soul to-day
The voice of God!

And now into the the opening year
We bravely tread;
Our wandering feet shall know no fear—
Divinely led. [SELECTED.

"It is now too late to fill up the measure of last year's short praying. *It is not too late to pray in faith for new blessings for the new year.* There are rich blessings awaiting the faith-filled prayers of the disciples of Jesus; gifts that are not to be had unless they are asked for." "Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace;" "And this is the confidence that we have in Him, that if we ask anything according to His will, He heareth us."

At no time in the life of the Magazine have your committee felt more the support of the strong arms of agents and friends than during the year of 1896. Our publishers have frequently remarked on the wonderful way in which our subscription list is sustained when compared with the great depression in all lines of business and they have said, "You must have a lot of faithful energetic women back of you," and we are glad to give to these co-workers this testimonial from those who know whereof they speak, and to say that it is a source of strength to us.

We have not as large a list as we fondly hoped to have had by this time, but after noting that we are quite holding our own in this respect, and are a little more than paying expenses, and as reading in the printed reports of other missionary magazines that their subscription has fallen off somewhat, and that very few of them have paid expenses,—we think it would not be inappropriate to write over the door of the office where our publishing is done what the Arabs love to write over their doors, "What hath God wrought!"

The person who has charge of the mailing list for any of our church publications is in a position to be peculiarly impressed with the changes which are occurring, and the losses which are being borne by the passing away of valued members. Anon comes a brief missive requesting the change of a certain address because the one who had been a subscriber has been called home. Only a sentence or two, but back of them lies much of loss to the friends and the church, and we regretfully erase from the list a name that has become loved and familiar, because it has been the signature to many a letter of encouragement and cheer, though we may never have seen the face of the sender.

The Rev. Prof. W. W. White says; "I am astonished at what I see here of the work of our Church. I am most firmly of the belief that if the U. P. Church had nothing else besides the work in Egypt, it would justify all past expenditure and labour. I believe that if our home Church could see what I have seen in the past two weeks here, it would contribute a million dollars in a week to the foreign work. . . . I believe that this opportunity to know our work here, and the one in prospect next spring in India, is not without God's purpose that I shall use the knowledge in stirring up people at home. . . . They need here at once an enlarged building at Assyut. The boys are crowded like sardines in the rooms. That they endure it shows their eagerness to know.

Our Junior secretary requests us to say that societies are very slow in responding with subscriptions for the proposed publication for Juniors and that the first thousand has not yet been reached. Let Junior leaders give attention to this matter.

Miss Elizabeth McCahon, who gave herself for many years to the Lord's work in India, is being blessed in her

labors at home. In sending a notice of the missionary society lately organized at Knoxville, she writes: "I am truly pleased with the interest with which our women have taken hold of the work of the society and hope it may not only continue but increase." She also says "My heart is greatly cheered by the news from the India mission field of late. As the word comes from one and another of surrender to God and dedication to his service, I do feel like shouting "Praise the Lord!" How I long to be there.

We would call attention to the fact that *now* is the time to receive new subscribers to the MAGAZINE. With the new year it is important that an advance be made on all lines. *Our* aim for the circulation of the MAGAZINE has been high and, whilst we have by no means "attained thereto," we are grateful that no backward steps have been taken. We trust there will also be an increasing interest in our literature and in the circulation of the annual report of W. F. M. S. Our leaflets are reasonable in price, and money spent in distributing these will be great helps towards informing members of societies in regard to mission work. A hundred fold more ought to be done in this direction. Send for leaflets, and sample copies of the Missionary MAGAZINE.

Every member of the Women's Missionary Society will want a copy of the January MAGAZINE containing the pictures of the missionaries, so lately gone from our midst, and who will spend the first day of the new year on foreign soil. Were every other page blank, the space devoted to the pictures would be more than worth the price of a years, subscription. God bless all our missionaries who have not counted their lines dear unto themselves but have gone not to be ministered unto, but to minister!

The Aurora.

Members of our church wishing to keep posted on the work the church is doing among the Freedman, will do well to send 25 cents the amount of a year's subscription to the Aurora, Knoxville College, Knoxville, Tenn.

Knoxville College.

Miss E. McCahon writes us under date of Dec. 17, as follows:

Knoxville College has again been visited by fire. Elnathan Hall, occupied by the young ladies dormitories, the general dining room and kitchen, the laundry and bath rooms, was destroyed on the forenoon of Tuesday the 15th inst. No lives were lost as the classes were resting at the time. Many lost all they had except the clothes they had on and a few school books. It caught near the roof, just where cannot be determined, and the third floor had to be left to burn. A good deal of what was in the second story, including pianos and kitchen stoves, was carried out. One piano was saved, the other is still in, but there is too much risk to try to take it out.

Many of the poorer of the students will need help, as some have not even a change of clothing. If any of the W. M. societies can help it will be thankfully received. Write at once to Miss E. B. Wallace; or if you can send clothing for young women, do so; it will come in very helpfully just now.

We are reminded of the brevity of time for work, not only by the closing the old year, but by the recent and sudden calling away of two workers, Mrs. A. P. Burchfield, of Pittsburgh, Pa., and Mrs. A. B. Simpson, of Indiana, Pa. The former instead of arising from her bed in the morning to enter upon her daily duties, was called to enter on the life eternal, and the latter was called, by the Master, while delivering His message to her

Sabbath-school class. Shall we call this death? Shall we not rather call it translation, for such it seemed to be?

A friend kindly sent us the poem which appears in the opening of this number. One of the out-going missionaries was a beloved friend to her, and they found comfort in thoughts therein so beautifully expressed, and we are glad it occurred to her that it might voice the sentiments of others.

Since we went to press last month word has come to us of the passing from earth of Mr. Daniel Peoples, of Great Howard Street, Liverpool, England. We doubt not that every missionary who has been sent out by our church to the foreign field can testify to his many kind offices, and experience in his death a personal loss. Only those who have known what it was to be "strangers in a strange land" are prepared to appreciate the sense of comfort and relief at being met by Mr. Peoples as by a faithful personal friend ready to give freely of his time from his own business, and the benefit of his large experience in all lines in which a missionary is likely to need advice, and to extend the hospitality of his own home where his devoted sister presided. Again and again he has received the well merited thanks of our General Assembly. To his bereaved friends we extend sympathy.

In looking over our first form, which has already been run off, we regret to note that the name of Dr. W. W. Barr, does not appear in connection with the sketch of missionaries which he so kindly prepared at our solicitation. This was done in response to repeated requests; and we trust these sketches, brief as they necessarily are, along with the pictures, may serve us much more than a formal introduction to "our new missionaries;" may help us to feel that we really know them.

A Women's Missionary Society has been organized at Hookstown, Pa.

The assured life and excellent work of Xenia Training School is a source of gratification to its many friends. The students highly appreciate the exceptional advantages they enjoy; the professors equally appreciate the diligence and devotion displayed by the students, and perform the special work required for this department most cordially.

There are eight regularly enrolled pupils; of this number two who were in attendance last year. Several additions are expected after the holidays, among them the Misses Wilson, our missionaries from India, who desire the benefit of the school before returning to their field of labor.

At the General meeting, held at Erie last May, appropriations were made to sustain the Xenia and Allegheny Training Schools. We would suggest that missionary societies kindly remember this important branch of work when designating their society contributions.

L. C. F.

Dr. J. M. Fulton.

The Bible abounds in biography, and all "these things were written down for an example unto to us." Of the patriarch Isaac it has been said that he was an example of patient endurance under suffering. In these latter days we think the same thing might be said of Dr. J. M. Fulton. Shorn of the usual allotment of bodily strength for many years, he was a shining illustration of the triumph of faith over sight and of spirit over sense. Looking at the human side, it must be no light thing to feel one's self going down, down, down, and to realize that

there can be but one end to the mortal combat. But mind and spirit rose triumphant over body, and his life illustrated that saying, "Whatever we do let us do it in the high Roman fashion, that when death comes he may be proud to take us." And so, instead of sitting down to be a cheerless and heartless invalid, he was "steadfast and unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord," who honered his faithful servant by prospering him along more lines of work than is usual, and the influences so auspiciously set in motion under his direction, have only begun to work, and by his noble life "He being dead yet speaketh."

We speak of the passing away of such an one as a loss, and so it seems; but though we cannot and would not lift the veil between us and the unseen world, we may owe more to it than we sometimes think, and doubtless many a one is cheered by the thought expressed in the lines:

"Near thee, near thee, ever near thee,
Death's dark river rolls between;
Yet I watch thee, yet I cheer thee
Still beside thee, though unseen."

After long, weary years of suffering, the end came gently, and Dr. Fulton fell asleep to waken up in glory. "I shall be satisfied when I awake with thy likeness."

We have received from the National Armenian Relief Committee the advance proof-sheets of a tract setting forth a special effort they are pushing to save alive the tens of thousands of orphans, left by the massacres in Armenia. "The plan has received the hearty approval of those most experienced in relief work on the ground." We make a few quotations, and wish we had space for more:

HOW TO SAVE ALIVE THE ORPHAN CHILDREN OF MARTYRS IN ARMENIA.

"The condition of the people could hardly be worse. Homeless, friendless, bereft, widowed; despoiled, without food, clothes, or shelter; famished, horrified, sick, hopeless, waiting for the death that lingers too long—this is the situation. Need one say more?"—CLARA BARTON.

"If 75,000 men have been massacred, there must be at least 100,000 orphans. Here is a call for Christian benevolence to achieve one of its noblest works. One dollar a month would be enough for board and clothing."—REV. CYRUS HAMLIN, D. D.

"Orphans by tens of thousands are wandering homeless and helpless. Much as gifts were needed last year, they are more generally and even desperately needed this year. Aid so given means not only material relief to those sorely tried people, but in a real way it means a moral support, without which they would well-nigh lose faith in God and man."—GRACE N. KIMBALL, M. D.

"May God deal with us at last as we deal with our Armenian sisters and brothers and their little ones in this hour of their overwhelming calamity."—FRANCES E. WILLARD.

THE ALTERNATIVE.

Unless help is provided for the survivors of the massacres, many children, if left to the tender mercies of the Turks and Kurds, will be brought up as Moslems, the girls being forced into Turkish harems. Can it be that we will leave the children of martyrs to such a fate? Or can it be that we will allow the light which the missionaries have labored during so many years, to kindle, to go out in such darkness?

WHERE TO SEND MONEY.

Send all orphan funds marked, "To be credited to the Armenian Orphan Fund" to Brown Bros. & Co., Bankers, 59 Wall Street, New York, who will return receipt. They are the authorized treasurers of The National Armenian Relief Committee; Hon. David J. Brewer, President, Justice U. S. Supreme Court, and Spencer Trask, New York, Chairman Executive Committee.

HOW TO GET LITERATURE.

Literature for use of speakers, leaflet of various kinds for distribution, collecting cards and dollar wheels, may be had in any quantity free of charge from Rev. F. D Greene, General Secretary, 63 Bible House, New York City.

For further information regarding the scheme for the Relief of Orphans, write to the Misses Mary and Margaret W. Leitch, 120 Bible House, New York City.

Ask God to prepare native evangelists; ask Him that our publications in European or in native languages may advance His kingdom.

OUTLOOK THOUGHTS.

WHAT IS THY COUNTRY?

"And there was a mighty tempest in the sea, so that the ship was like to be broken: so the shipmaster came to Jonah and said unto him, What meanest thou, O sleeper? arise, call upon thy God, if so be that God will think upon us, that we perish not. Then said they unto him, What is thy country?"—Jonah 1: 4, 6, 8.

WHERE IS THY BROTHER?

"And the Lord said unto Cain, Where is Abel thy brother? And he said, I know not; am I my brother's keeper?" —Gen. 4: 9.

WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

Jesus said, "Which of these three (the Priest, the Levite, the Samaritan), thinkest thou was neighbor to him that fell among thieves? And he said, He that showed mercy on him. Then said Jesus unto him, Go, and do thou likewise."—Luke 10: 36, 37.

"He first findeth his own brother Simon, and brought him to Jesus."—John 1: 41, 42.

WHAT IS MY DUTY?

"It behooved Christ to suffer, and to rise from the dead the third day; and that repentance and remission of sins should be preached in his name among all nations, beginning at Jerusalem."—Luke 24: 46, 47.

"And when he was come into the ship, he that had been possessed with the devil prayed Him that he might be with Him. Howbeit Jesus suffered him not, but saith unto him, Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."—Mark 5: 18, 19.

WHAT IS WOMAN'S PART?

The first Woman's Missionary Society was composed of the holy women who followed our Saviour throughout Palestine, and ministered to His temporal necessities (Luke 8: 1, 3), of whom were Joanna, Susanna, and many others. Their work was similar to that of the angels.—Matt. 4: 11; Mark 1: 13.

One woman was a missionary to an enitre city.

"The woman then left her waterpot, and went her way into the city, and saith, Come see a Man which told me all things that ever I did; is not this the Christ? And many of the Samaritans of that city believed on Him for the saying of the woman."—John 4: 28, 29, 39.

WITH WHAT SPIRIT SHALL WE GO FORTH?

The Ethiopian treasurer (Acts 8: 39), after his baptism, "went on his way" to his own country "rejoicing," to become a preacher of the Gospel.

"Pray for the peace of Jerusalem; they shall prosper that love thee."—Ps. 122: 6.

"Wherever I see a brow like that which was crowned with thorns, I cannot be satisfied until on that brow is engraven the name of Jesus."—Hewitson.

Selected.

Studies for 1897.

January.—Prayer and Praise for Missions.

February.—Should New Testament Christians pay the tithe.

March.—Feast of Ingathering.

April.—The Mountain Whites of Appalachian America.

May.—The Auxiliary Society—its needs.

June.—What is being done and what ought to be done.

July.—The Church's challenge to her young people.

August.—Power of music in Missions.

September.—Missionary Camp-fire.

October.—Our heritage across the seas.

November.—Our heritage at home.

December.—A needy world—a Rich Redeemer.

Program for February.

Subject.—Should New Testament Christians pay the Tithe?

Devotions,—10 minutes.

Paper.—Proportionate giving, or the Law of the

Tithe founded in the Old Testament and sanctioned in the New. 10 minutes.

Symposium, all present participating. Theme.—GIVING TO THE LORD.

An expression of { Loyalty, Thankfulness, Love, Reverence, Worship, Joy.

Roll Call. Minutes. Business.

References.—Leaflets, "Giving to the Lord," by T. P. Bell, D. D., price 2 cents. "Christians Should Give the Tithe," by Rev. W. W. Barr, D. D., price 1 cent. "Bible Plan of Giving," by Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., price 1 cent.

MRS. R. S. FINLEY.

Addendum.—An additional help for the January program.—Subject Prayer and Praise for Missions—may be found in the leaflet, "George Muller, Patriarch and Prophet of Bristol," by Arthur T. Pierson, D. D., price 5 cents.

SELECTED PARAGRAPHS.

During the Ladies' Convention, held in Amritsar last year, this message was given by a speaker, "It is your Father's good pleasure to give." It has often recurred to memory as the weeks and months have passed away. It has encouraged in difficulty, comforted in sorrow, and been a note of praise under all circumstances. It was spoken by the Master Himself of the Kingdom, and it is emphatically with regard to the things of the Kingdom that those who will form His "little flock" may, in all the needs spiritual and temporal which confront them in the service of the Kingdom, dwell with thankfulness and trust on His own assuring words—

"IT IS YOUR FATHER'S GOOD PLEASURE TO GIVE."

Yes, He will give us the Kingdom! In our darkest and saddest moments we have never had a doubt of that; but have we always realized as we might have done the certainty that with the larger gift He will also richly give us all things? He will give the opportunities, the work, the workers, the health and strength, the wisdom, the qualifications, the gold and silver, the success, the answers to prayer, the exceeding great reward! In all these things it is our "Father's good pleasure to give." It seems, therefore, a

STRIKINGLY SUITABLE MOTTO

for those in foreign lands seeking to extend the Redeemer's Kingdom, and who have made manifest by them the savour of His knowledge in every place; as well as for all those who in Christian lands delight to spend and be spent in the same holy service.

When the Queen of Madagascar closed the saloons in her kingdom and the saloon-keepers demanded compensation, Her Majesty replied: "Compensate those whom you have wronged, and I will pay you the balance."

A Royal Wedding.—The marriage of the Crown Prince of Italy and Princess Helen of Montenegro took place in Rome on the twenty-fourth of October, and was made an occasion of festivity throughout Italy. The bride's father, the Prince of Montenegro, wrote to his daughter the following parting message, the good sense and tenderness of which attracted much attention: "Ali is not gold that glitters; be mindful of this, O my daughter, and know that happiness has never chosen for her seat a throne. Under the kingly crown is the crown of thorns, and not even in fable can we find a happy king. Seek happiness in the graceful corner of thy home, in work within thy human power and obedient to divine command. Thy father, Nicholas."—*Youth's Companion.*

How To Pray For Missions.

The following paper appeared as the leading article in a recent number of the Paris Journal Des Missions, the "abridged

translation" of an appeal from Mrs. J. Fuller, a missionary in India. Failing to find the source from which it was taken, The Missionary Herald translates a part of it, as a practical aid to that specific intercession for our missionaries, which is so plainly the duty and great opportunity of every Christian.

At the present hour

THE MOST URGENT NEED

Of Foreign missions is not so much of men and money, although these are indispensable, but of those instant prayers without the aid of which the most favorable external circumstances remain sterile. O, could we be impelled to pray more; not to repeat incessantly the phrase, more or less empty, "O, God! bless the heathen and the missionaries," but to pray like those "violent ones" who, so to speak,

WRESTLE WITH GOD,

And to whom it pleases Him to give the victory. Let us humble ourselves, let us confess our failures in this respect and ask of God to pour upon us the spirit of intercession.

One day, returning from an evangelizing tour, I had the feeling that I had failed completely, and I said so with tears to an old friend, who was a praying woman. "It is a little my fault," she instantly replied:

"I OUGHT TO HAVE PRAYED MUCH FOR YOU."

At the beginning of my missionary life I received into my house six little orphans, bereaved in a famine. Some months after their arrival I experienced a great spiritual refreshing, and five of these children were converted. A month later I had a letter from

A BLACKSMITH IN OHIO,

who said that he had been irresistibly impelled to ask God to restore my soul and convert those children.

What could not our missionaries accomplish, if our people labored in concert with them by fervent prayer?

When you pray thus for us, dear friends, what shall you ask? Oh, ask above all, that God would Himself

INSPIRE OUR PLAN OF WORK,

and that we may have no will but His. Ask, also, that we may live in the unity of the Spirit, for the lack of union among the Lord's workers in non-Christian lands is often the secret cause of their want of success. It is by our union to Christ as members of His body that the world will believe that He was sent of God.

Pray for the health of our missionaries; ask strength of body and refreshment of spirit for those who have been long at the breach. Ask for the young missionaries that they may face with courage, and at the same time with prudence, the difficulties of a life absolutely new to them; ask facility in learning the languages and in adapting themselves to the climate and to the food; ask especially that Christ may reign over their whole being, for God cannot serve Himself mightily for the conversion of souls except with instruments consecrated to Him without reserve.

Could you not, in some sort, adopt a missionary as your own representative in pagan lands, and pray for him and his work as if they were really your own? Could you not take possession of a country, of a district, of a missionary station, and give yourself no rest until God has shed His spirit upon this object of your best prayers?

An old lady said to me one day: "When you speak at your meetings could you not indicate to us, also, old people who love missions, but who, alas! have almost nothing to give,

SOME WAY OF BEING USEFUL?"

Very well, we address ourselves in a special manner to these aged friends and

others who sigh because they have no power to do anything for our work, and we say to them: "To you, above all, belongs the great and beautiful task of supporting us by your prayers. We will count upon them henceforth, and we thank you in advance."

Pray that the Lord will bless our missionary secretaries, that they may be able to place His world-wide work in

THE RIGHT LIGHT

Before His people. Pray that the Lord will make His people willing-hearted in giving for the sustenance of missionaries. But above all pray for the missionaries. Which mission shall be the especial object of your daily praying?

The Tsar And Jewish Civil Engineers.

The following interesting episode serves to throw additional light on our previous notices as to the attitude of the Tsar toward the Jews.

Prince Ghilkow, the minister of Railways, on returning from a journey of inspection in Trans-Siberia complained to the Tsar of the scarcity of civil engineers. His Imperial Majesty appeared to be surprised and asked the reason. The minister replied that a considerable number of Russian engineers could not be employed. The following dialogue then ensued. "Why not?" asked the Emperor. "Because they are Jews?"

"Does the law forbid their being employed?" "Not precisely, but against this course are traditions and instructions of my predecessors."

"Then put aside traditions and ministerial circulars and conform only with the law, strictly with the law. Let it not be said of us: 'Legality is killing us., I do not wish anything to be done arbitrarily in the interpretation of the law."

The upshot of this conversation was that forty Jewish engineers were immediately engaged for work on the railways.—*Jewish Chronicle.*

REPORTS, Etc.

Report Women's Board.

The regular monthly meeting of the Board was held Tuesday, Dec. 1st, fourteen members present. Opened with the usual devotional exercises.

Foreign secretary reports having received two applications for positions in the foreign field as physician and nurse. Several letters received from India and Egypt.

Freedmen's secretary excused, her reports not having arrived.

Church Extension secretary had written 26 letters during the month and received payment on several notes, a very encouraging report.

In the Home department the annual grant of $50 for sick and needy Indians was ordered to be paid.

Thank-offering secretary reports having sent out during November 1332 Thank-offering boxes and 1257 leaflets.

Literature secretary reports sale of 405 copies of the Minutes; sale of literature, $6.80; a balance of $28.29 in treasury.

Junior missionary secretary reports one new society—Beaver Valley.

Quarterly report of the Magazine Committee, showing a balance in treasury of $778.46, received and adopted.

Treasurer reports November receipts, $2384.29; disbursements, $7511.00.

The secretary was authorized to publish the names of delegates to the annual convention in the church papers BEFORE the convention. Secretaries will please send the names and addresses of the delegates, as soon as elected, to the undersigned.

Special meeting held December 8th. Freedmen's secretary reports from Knoxville, Norfolk, Chase City, and Bluestone. Mr. Oliver reports from the farm at Prairie; has collected $135.50 for rent and expects soon to send check for from $500 to $600 for rent, sale of cotton, etc.

A column in which to report Thank-offering will be added to the reports for congregational and presbyterial societies. In order to have these reports mailed to the proper secretaries the names and addresses should be sent *at once* to the assistant secretary, Mrs. M. Jennie Stevenson, Stewart Station, P. R. R. Pa., who has charge of the statistical work of the society.

MARY W. PORTER, Sec'y.

Question Drawer.

[Address all communications for this department to Miss E. W. Pollock, 234 East 9th St., Erie Pa.]

THANK-OFFERING WORK.

QUES.—What can the officers of congregational societies (including the Thank-offering committee) do this year to help their congregations give a liberal tenth anniversary offering at Indianola, Ia., next May?

ANS.—By keeping the subject prominently before them, through the free distribution of literature bearing upon the subject of giving to the Lord; by having the work remembered in the prayers, public and private; by frequent Bible-reading on the goodness of God, in the meetings of the society, and by placing at least one Thank-offering box in every house as a constant reminder to prove their gratitude to God, through frequent offerings.

QUES.—Cannot the majority of the women of the church save all the pennies which come into their possession, and use them as a Thank-offering if they would make an effort to do so?

ANS.—*They certainly could, if they would*, and even the one who has the least of this world's goods would scarcely miss the pennies. Some women have made this a rule for the past three years and to them these insignificant coins that come from our U. S. mint shine forth with a new lustre. One of the number reports having had in her Thank-offering box, in 1884, over 1100 pennies, and in 1895 over 1300. If each one of our (estimated) 50,000 women would simply average but one penny a day per year, the Thank-offering would annually reach the beautiful sum of over $182,500.

But Christian women would come far short of "honoring the Lord with their substance," if they gave but copper coins, to the Lord, and spent the silver and gold upon themselves, and others. What saith the Lord? "*The silver is mine and the gold is mine.*" *They shall come into the treasury of the Lord.*"

QUES.—Is there any danger of the custom of giving a Thank-offering becoming a mere form through its being periodically observed?

ANS.—No more danger than the observing of one day in seven as the Sabbath, or the morning and evening prayers at the home altar, or the Wednesday evening prayer meeting, or the giving the tithe to the Lord. Is any Christian fearful of these customs becoming a mere form?

QUES.—Can the designation made by societies of their Thank-offerings be adhered to in the distribution by the Women's Board, since the decision of the General Society is, "Societies *should not* designate their Thank-offering?"

ANS.—If the W. G. M. Soc., in giving instructions as to the designating of Thank-offerings, used the words "*should not*," it was (we think) in the sense of, "*ought not*" rather than "must not;" and hence the Women's Board, although not approving of the designation of Thank-offerings by societies, always carries out the requests made by societies. The Board holds the opinion that one individual has no right to designate the Thank-offering of another, and hence, societies have no right to designate. MRS. MARY C. PORTER.

QUES.—Will some one who heard professing Christian women object to giving a Thank-offering tell us what they give as their reasons of objecting?

ANS.—This question has been given to the wrong person to answer. I have never heard a professing Christian object to giving a Thank-offering. Their cry has *always* been the lack of means to give as they wish. MRS. M. J. ELLIOT.

Treasurer's Report.

Receipts for the month of September 1896.

Foreign.—Cedar Creek, 17; Rock Island Junior M. S., for India, 5; North Shenango, 5; Emsworth, 7; Mansfield, Y. L. M. Band, 5; Hoopeston, 5; Emporia, 5; Scotch Ridge, 5; Bellefontaine, 10; Columbus, Neill Ave., 5; Uniontown, 10.

Foreign Specials.—Avalon Junior M. S. for Egyptian boy, 10; Hebron Sabbath-school and O. Y. P. C. U for Girls' school, Assyoot Egypt, 10; 8th Philadelphia for Zenana work, 25; 3rd Philadelphia for Zenana work, 15.

Endowment of Child's bed in Jhelum Hospital India.—Etna Junior Missionary Society, 10.

Foreign Salaries.—Miss Hogg, 2nd Allegheny Y. P. M. S., 75; Miss Thompson, Muskingum Pres., 101.42; Miss Smith, Pittsburg Pres., Chetopa L. M. S., 12; Garnett Pres., 19; Sidney Pres., Northwood, 10; Miss Campbell, Monmouth, 102.50.

Medical Work.—Avalon Home and Foreign Mission Circle, 15; 6th Pittsburgh Y. W. M. S., 5.

Home.—8th Allegheny, 10; Etna Junior M. S., 5; Emsworth, 7; Avalon Junior M. S., 10; Salineville, 5; 1st East Liverpool, 22; Mansfield Y. L. M. S., 5; Hoopeston, 10; Springdale, 5; 1st Allegheny Y. L. A. S., 5; 3rd Allegheny for 5th ward mission, 45; Olathe, 8; Scotch Ridge, 5; Bellefontaine, 15; Findlay, 5; Huntsville, 7; Columbus, Neill Ave., 5; Uniontown, 10; 1st Philadelphia, 5; Pebbles, 6.

Warm Springs Indians.—Monongahela Presbyterial Society, 50.

Freedmen's.—Jamestown, Pa., 8; Knoxville College Dress Making Department, 10.20; Bellefontaine, 10; Northwood, 10; Uniontown, 10.

Freedmen's Alabama Farm.—Etna Junior M Soc., 8; 1st Cleveland, 18.60.

Church Extension and Parsonage Fund.—1st Cleveland, 10; Alliance on note, 25; Huntsville, 6; Bellevue Y. L. M. S. 25; for Pasadena, Cal., 1st Monmouth also for Pasadena, Cal., 25.

Training School Allegheny.—2nd Allegheny Junior S. C. E., 12.

Orphan's Home Allegheny.—Etna Junior M. Soc., 10; Wellsville, 5.

Memorial Hospital Allegheny.—Wellsville, 5; Steubenville Y. L. M. S., 75.

Pittsburgh Syrian Mission.—Salary, 45; Rent, 18; Incidentals, 9; all by Monongahela Presbyterial Society.

Contingent Fund.—Interest on investments, 102.25; Investments reduced, 100.

Receipts for the month of October, 1896.

Foreign.—Tarentum for Egypt, 25; Conemaugh Pres., to help defray traveling expenses of out going missionaries, 300; Utica, Pa., 10; Adamsville, 10; Sandy Lake, Y. P. C. E., 2.50; Sandy Lake, 7; Shiloh, 9.30; Omaha Pres., 4; Southfield, 5; Stone

Valley, 15; Tuscarora, 5; Cove, 22.07; Loveland, 10; Atlantic, 10; Tingley Juniors for India, 8.50; and for Egypt, 5.50; Blanchard, 5; Chartiers, 60; Mt. Pleasant, Chartiers Pres., 15; 2nd San Francisco, 3.50; Ryegate, 30; Mercer Pres., 15; Beaver Falls, Y. P. for Egypt, 5; Beaver, 8; Beaver Falls, 10; Rocky Spring, 10; Oak Grove, 7.45; Hookstown, 28; 2nd Chicago, 9; 1st Ohio Pres., 5; New Jefferson, 10.

Foreign Specials.—Bellevue for girls' school Sialkot, 5; Westmoreland Pres., for medical Journals for Dr. Johnson, 13.50; 2nd New Wilmington Bible reader, India, 37.50; Miss Florence Stewart, for scholarship, Sialkot, 5; Ryegate C. E. Soc., Bible Woman, India, 12.50; 1st Allegheny L. F. M. S. for pupils Assyoot, 75; Avalon Junior M. S. for relief of Armenians, 5; Mercer Pres., for Rev. R. E. Carson's work, 5; Beaver Falls, for native helper India, 20; Miss Mary P. Gilchrist, Neb., for Bible reader India, 25; 8th Allegheny pupil, Sialkot 25; Glade Run, for same, 25; 4th Allegheny W. M. and Benev. Soc. for Bible Reader, India, 100.

Gordon Memorial Bed Jhelum Hospital India.—3rd Pittsburgh Y. P. C E. 292; Ingram Y. P. C. E., 5; Pittsburgh Hamilton Ave., Y. P. C. U., 25; Allentown Y P. C. U., 5; 2nd Pittsburgh Y. P. C. U., 10; Hebron Y. P. C. U., 25; Oakdale Y. P. C. U., 7; St. Claire Y. P. C. U., 10; Union Y. P. C. U., 20; Noblestown Y. P. C. U., 2; 2nd Wilkinsburg Y. P. C. U. 10; 3rd Pittsburgh Junior M. S., 5; 3rd Pittsburgh King's Daughters, 73; 3rd Pittsburgh S. S. class of Miss Anna Brown, 5; 5th Pittsburgh King's Daughters, 5; Pittsburgh Oakland Chapel, King's Daughters, 10; Ingram Y. W. M. S., 5; McDonald Y. W. M. S., 1; 2nd Wilkinsburg Junior M. S., 10. There was designated out of the last Thank-offering of Monongahela Presbyterial Society, 75, for this purpose which completes the $600.

Endowmen of Child's Bed Jhelum Hospital India.—Salem, Young Helpers Soc., 5; 4th Allegheny Junior M. S., 5; Bellevue Mission Circle, 3; Piper City Junior Mission Band, 10.

Foreign Salaries.—Miss Mary R. Martin, Mansfield Pres., 62.06; Miss Logan, Allegheny Pres., 150; Indiana Pres., 24; Miss Hogg, 2nd Allegheny, W. M. S., 25; 3rd Allegheny W. M. S., 50; Miss Buchanan Monougahela Pres., 150; Miss Fulton, Southern Illinois Pres., 80; Miss C. E. Wilson, Keokuk Pres., 69; Des Moines Pres., 65; Miss Lawrence, Colorado Pres., 15; Miss Young, College Springs Pres., 72.50; Miss McCahon, Chartiers Pres., 65; Miss Fannie C. Martin, O. Y. P. C. U. of Conemaugh Pres., 80; Miss A. Y. Thompson, 1st Ohio Pres., 62.50; Muskingum Pres., 75; Miss Ella M. Gordon, Cedar Rapids Pres., 62.50.

Medical Work.—6th Pittsburgh Y. M. Soc., 42; 1st Verona, 6; Bellevue Y. L. M. S., 25.

Home and Salaries.—9th Allegheny, 10; Bellevue Y. L. M. S., 5; 7th Allegheny, 10; 2nd Allegheny for Duquesne Park Mission, 25; Aspinwall, 10; Bellevue, 29; Avalon, 5; Avalon H. and F. M. C., 10; Leechburg, 7; Murraysville, 10; Elizabeth, to Tabernacle S. S. Chicago, 5; Shiloh, 8; Spring Hill, 12; Omaha Pres., 10; Southfield, 5; Mexico, 14; Big Spring, 15; Greeley, Colo., 8; Tingley Y. W. M. S., 5.52; Mt. Ayr, 12; Venice, 19; Chartiers, 50; 2nd Allegheny Junior M. S., 10; 3rd Allegheny Y. L. M. Circle, 10; 4th Allegheny Junior M. S., 3; Etna, 10; Sewickly, 5; 6th Allegheny, 25; Bellevue M. Circle, 2; Oakland, Cal., 2; Tacoma, 10; 33rd Street Pittsburgh Cong., 85; Beaver Falls, 5; Mt. Jackson, 5; Neshannock, 6.50; Oak Grove, 7.45; Liberty Neb., 10; 2nd Chicago, 9; Indianola, 7; 1st Ohio Pres., 13; Steubenville, 25; Birmingham, 3; Glade Run, 5.

W. S. Indians.—Avalon, 36; Avalon H. and F. M. Circle, 5; 4th Allegheny Junior M. S., 2; Salinas, 2.25; 1st Pawnee, 20; Wellsville, 10.

Freedmen's Salary Etc.—Emsworth, 10; Cochranton, 10; Irwin, 10; Murraysville, 10; Plain Grove, 9; 1st New Wilmington, 8; 6th Pittsburgh, 25; 6th Pittsburgh Y. W., 60; McDonald, 10; Omaha Pres., 11.40; Lower Chanceford, 13; Red Oak Juniors, 5; Salinas 2.25; Santa Ana, 12.65; Seattle, 2; Willamette, 3; Albany, 10; Mt. Jackson, 10; Neshannock, 6; Oak Grove, 7.45; Liberty, Neb., 2.50; 1st Ohio, Pres., 8; 4th Allegheny Y. L. A. S., 100; New Jefferson, O., to help support boy in Knoxville College, 23; Scio for same, 10.

Freedmen's Alabama Farm.—6th Pittsburgh Y. W., 24; Verona, 8.

Little Girl's Home Knoxville.—4th Allegheny Y. L. A. S., 30; Page Center, 5; Atlantic, 5.

Church Extension and Parsonage.—6th Pittsburgh Y. W., 54; 1st Verona, 11; Willamette Cong. 52; Omaha Pres., 2; Greeley, Colo., 5; Mt. Ayr, 5; Canonsburg, Greenside Ave., 15; Oakland, Cal., 2; 1st Los Angeles, 10; Portland Grand Ave. Cong, 53; Beaver 2nd Chicago, 9; Wellsville, 5; Birmingham, 5; 2nd Allegheny for Pasadena, Cal., 25; 1st Allegheny L. H. M. S. for Pasadena, 25; also to help furnish California Ave. Mission Allegheny, 25; 1st Allegheny Y. L. A. S. for same, 20.

Training School Allegheny.—By Societies in Monongahela Presbytery, 24.50.

Ministerial Relief.—Mt. Ayr, 5; Mercer Pres., 12.

Orphan's Home Allegheny.—3rd Pittsburgh, 50; Muskingum Pres., 11.

Memorial Hospital Allegheny.—Murraysville, 10.

Aged People's Home.—Etna, 10; 7th Church Pittsburgh, 35; 7th Pittsburgh Junior M. S., 5; 2nd Wilkinsburg, 10; 3rd Pittsburgh, 50.

Pittsburgh Syrian Mission.—Salary, 45; Rent, 9; Incidentals, 4; all by Monongahela Presbyterial Society.

Contingent Fund.—Interest on investments 41.77.

E. J. SLOAN, Treas.

Resolutions of Respect.

The W. M. S. of Shushan, N. Y., adopted the following resolutions:

WHEREAS, Mrs. D. G. McKay, our co-worker for nine years, our president for six years, has removed to a new field of labor.

Resolved, That while we miss her sunny presence, her ever-ready word of encouragement and her untiring zeal, our loss will be others' gain.

Resolved, That our lives should be better and purer because of her abiding with us, and that our best wishes and prayers follow her.

Resolved, That these resolutions be recorded in our minutes, a copy sent to Mrs. McKay, and also to the Missionary MAGAZINE for publication.

MRS. LEWIS FULLER,
MRS. JOAN MCGEOCH,
MISS BELLE BROWNLEE } Com.

Mrs. Harriet Moore.

A tribute of love and respect from the Women's Missionary society of the Second United Presbyterian church, of Chicago, in memory of Mrs. Harriet Moore.

For the first time since the organization of our society death has entered our ranks. and taken from us a friend and a helper. We desire thus to bear testimony to her Christian character, and that as long as her health permitted she was present with us, and tried faithfully to follow in the footsteps of her Master. Yet God saw fit to lay His afflicting hand upon her and remove her from our midst.

We extend our heartfelt smypathy to her sorrowing daughter, Miss Ella Beggs, and commend her to Him who has said, "I will not leave you comfortless."

MISS C. A. MCNAB,
MRS. J. C. KENNEDY,
MRS. P. M. CRABBE,
MRS. WM. B. CAMPBELL, } Com.

Mrs. Estella Gingher.

A tribute of love from the Ladies' Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian church of Columbus, Ohio, to the memory of Mrs. Estella Gingher, who was called home November 12, 1896.

Since the organization of our society, about nine years ago, she is the second one to receive the call, "Come up higher" Recognizing in this visitation of Providence one of peculiar mystery, we submit to the will of the Lord, remembering the words of Jesus, who said, "What I do thou knowest not now but thou shalt know hereafter." She was one whose cheerful, quiet and unassuming Christian character endeared her to all who knew her. We miss her in the Sabbath services, for she was always present, unless prevented by sickness. We thought she was needed here, but the Lord had need of her and took her home.

We deeply mourn our loss and most earnestly pray that God by his grace and infinite mercy may sanctify this loss to us all To the sorrowing husband, and to all to whom she was dear, we tender our prayerful sympathy, commending them to the Saviour whom she loved and served.

MRS. J. A. CLARK,
MRS. L. G. JOHNSON,
MRS R. B. PATTON, } Com.

Mrs. George W. Simpson.

A tribute of love from the Ladies Missionary Society of the First United Presbyterian Church, of Indiana, Pa., to the memory of Mrs. George W. Simpson, who died suddenly Sabbath, Sept. 27.

In the sudden death of Mrs. Simpson we have been sorely bereaved and our hearts made sad indeed. She was the first president of our society and has always been a ready and willing worker. Her place was seldom vacant, although her home was in the country; but how empty now!

She came to Sabbath-school in health and full of hope. While speaking to the children she was taken sick, and before the morning service closed, God called her home.

To the bereaved husband, sons and daughter we can only extend our deepest sympathy and commend them to the God she served so well. A friend writes: "I imagine if we could draw aside the curtain that hides the spirit realm from our vision, we would find her occupying a most exalted position in the Heavenly Land. The spirit of the Master so filled her life on earth that a rich reward in Heaven must be hers."

Resolved, That we bow in humble submission to the will of our Heavenly Father, who has said, "What I do thou knowest not now, but thou shalt know hereafter."

Resolved, That the pastor, the congregation, the Sabbath school and the Missionary society have lost a faithful and earnest worker, and that we who remain do recognize this as a call to truer devotion and more earnest effort in Christian work.

Resolved, That the solemn warning of her sudden death admonishes us all, giving new emphasis to the words of our Saviour, "Be ye also ready; for the Son of man cometh at an hour when ye think not."

MRS BROWNLEE,
MRS. HASTINGS,
MRS. MABON, } Com.

Mrs. Cornelis Thompson Law.

On Nov. 13th. Mrs. Cornelis Thompson Law, one of the oldest members of the congregation at Shushan, N. Y., entered into her eternal rest.

She was a cultured gentlewoman, of an exceeding sweet and sunshiny Christian piety. Her life of more than eighty-six years was lived within the bounds of this old congregation, where she was respected and beloved by all, and where her influence in the church and Missionary Society will be missed.

M. E. L.

Jamestown, O.

The Women's Missionary Society, of Jamestown, O., celebrated its 20th anniversary Oct. 9th by a public evening meeting in the church. An appreciative audience enjoyed the program, which had been prepared with much care.

In connection with the opening exercises of praise and prayer, a well chosen reading was given, entitled "The Women of the Bible." A paper, "The Women's Missionary Society—What is it, and Why should we have one?" was well received. All were pleased with the rendering of the poem, "Broidery Work."

A number of ladies engaged in an interesting conference in answer to the question, "What benefit has the Missionary Society been to us? The Treasurer gave a summing up of the gifts of the women during twenty years. The amount was over $2,100. The historian traced briefly the doings of the society from its organization until the present date, closing with a loving tribute to each one of the eighteen members called to wear the crown promised to faithful servants. The exercises were interspersed with songs from the *Grand Old Psalter*, so full of Missionary hymns. After singing "Praise Jehovah all ye Nations," and prayer and benediction by our pastor, we enjoyed a social hour, grateful that "The Lord had been mindful of us," and assured that "He will bless us."

E. A. I.

College Springs Presbytery.

The College Springs Presbyterial W. M. S. held its annual meeting at Shannon City, Iowa, Oct. 21 and 22. Our President Mrs. F. M. McLean of Red Oak, Iowa, called the meeting to order. Mrs. E. M. Williamson of Tingley, Iowa, conducted the devotional exercises. Mrs. Anna M. Pattison, of Tarkio, Mo., was elected Sec. Pro. Tem.

After being refreshed physically, and on reassembling at the church, very impressive devotional exercises were led by Mrs. F. B. Jackson, Mt. Ayr, Iowa, followed by a second exercise by the Shannon City Junior Band, which reflected great credit on, their leader, Mrs. Fraser. Miss Susie A. Young, of Pasrur, India, delivered an address which elicited words of praise on every hand.

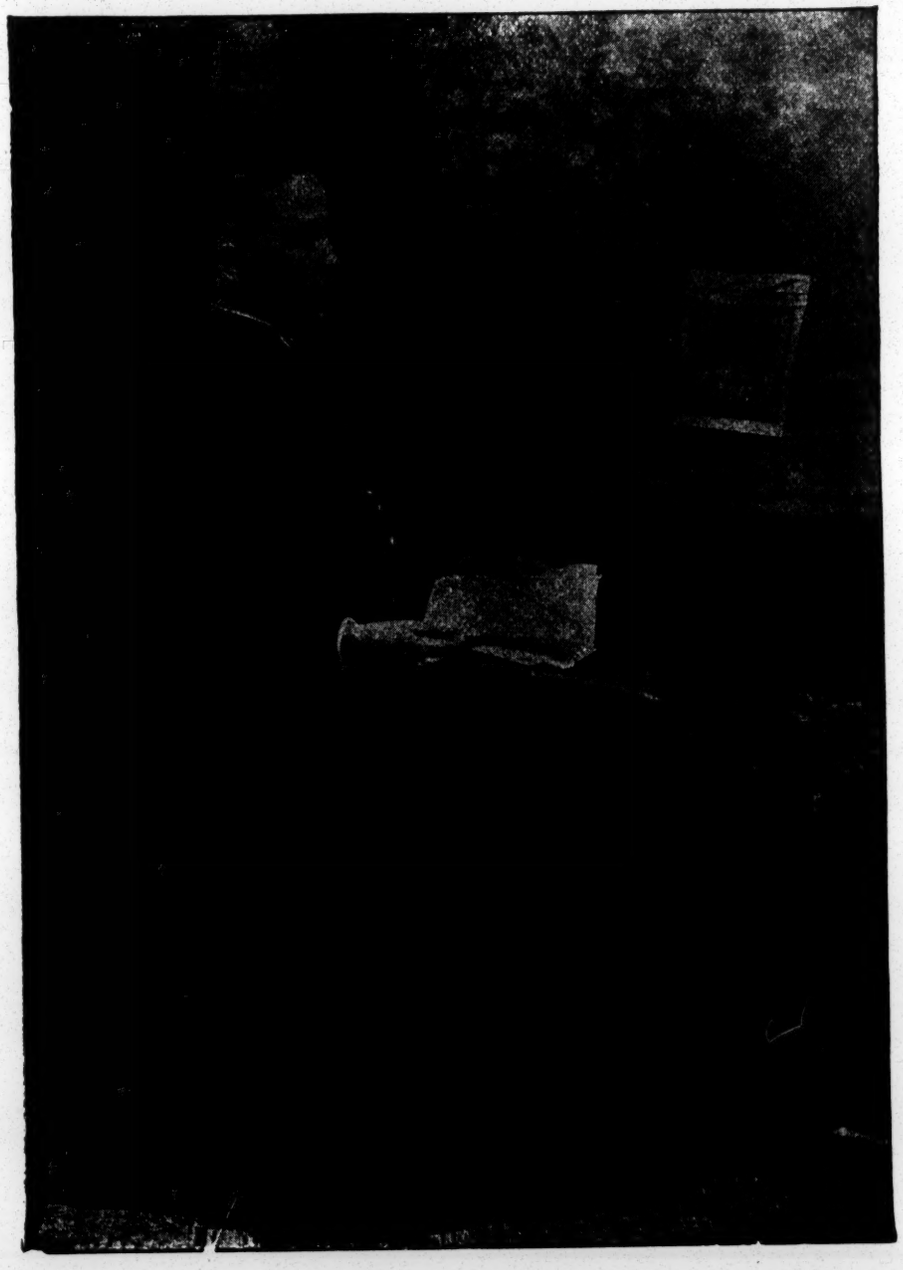
Thursday morning, after a season of prayer and praise, conducted by Mrs. W. P. Love, of Coin, Iowa, was devoted to hearing reports. That of the treasurer showed an increase in our contributions, all obligations paid, and a surplus in the treasury. One local society, Coin, contributed an average of over $8 per member. Miss Bell Anderson, of College Springs, was re-elected Junior secretary, and Mrs. C. L. Graham, of Red Oak, Literature secretary. The number of Womens Missionary Magazines taken is increasing.

Thursday Miss Mary Allen, of Lenox, conducted the devotional exercises. There were three interesting conferences: first, "Are We being blessed as a Church in Our Mission Work?" Led by Miss Martha McEachran, of Creston, Iowa; second, "Shall we help with Home Work in our Contributions?" Led by Mrs. Jennie Liter, of Coin, Iowa; third, "Are we Cultivating a Spirit of Liberality, or in any way bringing the Mission Work before our Congregations?" Led by Mrs. V. E. Fullerton.

On re-assembling at 7:30 p. m., Mrs. Marks, of Blocton, led the devotional exercises, after which Rev. S. E. Martin of College Springs gave us an excellent address. It was very helpful to us and was listened to with interest.

Our next meeting will be held in Tarkio, Mo., Oct. '97. The following officers were elected: Pres., Mrs. E. S. Finney, Tarkio; 1st V. Pres., Mrs. E. M. Williamson, Tingley; 2nd V. Pres., Miss Frank Stewart, Red Oak; Rec. Sec., Mrs. Milford Tidball, Shannon City; Cor. Sec., Mrs. C. F. Crooks, Atlantic; Treas., Mrs. W. P. Love, Coin.

ANNA M. PATTISON, Sec. Pro. Tem.



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